

ORDER OF SERVICE

BAND PRELUDE

HANDBELLS PRELUDE “Amazing Grace” Arr. Lloyd Larson
Bells of Joy, Sharon Beatty, piano

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

JAMES V. SALZWEDEL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHURCH MUSIC

HYMN “Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord”
MBW #543 (v1 &2)

LITURGY FOR MORAVIAN MUSIC SUNDAY Insert

LITURGY FOR RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

In grace God called and chose the people of Israel and established with them a covenant: I will be your God and you will be my people. In that relationship they were to be freed from sin and become a blessing to all. Then God came to us in Jesus Christ and fulfilled that covenant for all people. Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, God made for us a new covenant of grace.

We come before you with joy, O God, to claim the promises of your covenant.

As you present yourselves before God and this congregation, we call upon you to profess your faith. Do you believe in God as your Creator and loving heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Comforter and Sustainer, according to the Holy Scriptures?

I do.

Lord, make us one with all your children as we profess our faith, saying:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(The minister addresses the candidates.)

Do you in this faith turn away from sin, evil, and selfishness in your thoughts, words, and actions; and do you intend to participate actively in Christ's church, serving God all the days of your life?

I do.

(The minister addresses the congregation.)

Do you receive and affirm these children of God as members of this congregation, and accept your obligation to love and nurture them in Christ?

We do.

BY AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Neil and Yola Chambers, you have affirmed your faith and baptismal covenant before God and this congregation, and, by the grace and strength of Christ, have declared your desire and promise to renew your Christian discipleship. We welcome you with joy and thanksgiving. May the Lord be with you. Build yourselves up on your most holy faith, led by the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves by grace in the love of God, as you wait on our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy to give you eternal life.

BY LETTER OF TRANSFER

Diane Wessel, through baptism, profession of faith, and Christian service, you have already entered into the life of the Church Universal, and today we rejoice to welcome and receive you into the fellowship of this congregation. Continue faithfully in the good way you have chosen in Christ, and may the Holy Spirit bless you in your life among us. May we all, through grace, be enabled to support and encourage one another in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

In the name of Jesus, Amen.

(The Right Hand of Fellowship is offered by members of the Joint Board and Staff.)

*Here in the name of Christ our Lord,
the church's Head by all adored,
With Christian love and purpose true,
this church in faith embraces you.*

*We welcome you among us here,
with joy that God has brought you near.
With heart and hand we pledge our love,
and pray Christ's blessing from above.*

*The God of peace you sanctify
and bless you richly from on high,
That spirit, soul, and body may
reflect God's presence every day.*

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ANTHEM “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
arr. Michell Eithun, Bells of Joy, Mona Ketner, flute

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 150 p.508
Colossians 3:12-17 p.958

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Now to him who is able to keep you,
Who is able to keep you from stumbling
And to make you stand in the presence
Of his glory, blameless, with great joy.

To the only God, our Savior;
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord
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GATHERING SONG "In Christ Alone" C&W #106

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SONG Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord

*Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord!
Sing with a cheerful voice;
exalt our God with one accord,
and in his name rejoice.
Ne'er cease to sing, O ransomed host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
until in realms of endless light
your praises shall unite.*

*There we to all eternity
shall join th'angelic lays
and sing in perfect harmony
to God our Savior's praise;
he has redeemed us by his blood,
and made us kings and priests to God;
for us, for us, the Lamb was slain!
Praise ye the Lord! Amen.*

SONG "Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me"

*What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, all is mine,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!*

*The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side the Savior he will stay,
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, his power is displayed!
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!*

*No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,
Jesus now and ever is my plea,
Oh the chains are released, I can sing I am free,
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*With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day, I know he will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! (repeat last two lines)*

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PSALM 150 AND PRAYERS FOR MORAVIAN MUSIC SUNDAY

Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

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For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the works of your hands we sing for joy.

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of our songs the only theme;
for your boundless love, your grace and favor,
we will praise your saving name;
that for our transgressions you were wounded
shall by us in nobler strains be sounded,
when we, perfected in love,
once shall join the church above.*

Praise the Lord with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

Praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

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MESSAGE

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

*Chorus: Beginning to end, my life in Your hands,
Great, great is Your Faithfulness!
You never let go, this one thing I know,
Great, great is Your Faithfulness!*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Chorus 2x)*

*Final Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand has provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

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Faith

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