

Worship Guide August 17, 2025

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements Pastor

Call to Worship Pastor Andrew

ONE Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

ALL You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth...

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;

Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

(Ps 80:1-3 with one omission, lectionary reading)

Lighting of the Christ Candle - by Child during Interlude of Song

Song – LYH #8 “Come Into His Presence”

Worship Leader Emmanuel

v.1 **Come into his presence singing**

Allelulia, alleluia, allelulia.

Come into his presence singing

Allelulia, alleluia, alleluia

(Interlude Child lights candle)

v.4 **Praise the Lord together singing**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God.

Praise the Lord together singing

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God.

Prayer of the Day or Opening Prayer **Worship Leader Emmanuel**

...let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you;

Give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Amen.

(Psalm 80:17-19, Lectionary reading, first word omitted)

Song PH #839 - “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”

Worship Leader Emmanuel

v.1 **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!**

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

**Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in his blood.**

(Refrain)

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**v.2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

(Refrain)

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Song PH #1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

**v. 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

**v. 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hid thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

Confession and Pardon Worship Assistant Chawezi

Call to Confession Worship Assistant Chawezi

*O LORD God of hosts,
How long will you be angry with your people’s prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tear,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us the scorn of our neighbors;*

*our enemies laugh among themselves.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine that we may be saved.*
(Psalm 80:4-7, Lectionary)

Confession of Sin - **Led by Worship Assistant Chawezi**

Let us confess our sin before God.

ALL

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

In thought, word, and deed,

By what we have done,

And by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

With our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

Help us amend what we are,

And direct what we shall be,

So that we may delight in your will

And walk in your ways,

To the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

(BoCW, p.53)

Declaration of Pardon - **Worship Assistant Chawezi**

Hear the good news!

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
disregarding its shame and has taken his seat
at the right hand of the throne of God.*

(Heb 12:1,2)

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,

You are forgiven. **Amen.**

Worship Assistant Chawezi

Please rise for the Doxology
and remain standing for the Children's Blessing and Offering

Doxology PH #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Children's Blessing "You are Somebody" - **Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.
You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.
(repeat)**

Offering

Invitation to Offering - **Worship Assistant Chawezi**

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
The world, and those who live in it. (Ps 24:1)*

Bread and Cup Brought forward by **Children**

Presentation of tithes and offerings after first verse of song below.

Song LYH #136 – "Freely, Freely" Worship Leader Emmanuel

**v. 1 God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.
I've been born again in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.**

**He said, "Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely, give.
Go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live.**

(congregation goes forward to give offerings)

**v.2 All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
in earth and heav'n in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you**

to share his pow'r as he told me to.

He said, "Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely, give.

Go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live.

Dedication of Offering **Worship Assistant Chawezi** (Or own words for prayer)
Yours, O Lord, are grandeur and power,
Majesty, splendor, and glory.

**ALL All in the heavens and on the earth is yours,
And of your own we give you.** (cf 1 Chron 29:11)
You may be seated.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination - **Worship Assistant Chawezi**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Presentation of the Word **by Youth or Adult**

(Children leave after presentation of the Word)

Worship Assistant Chawezi
Hear the Word of the Lord!

Gospel Reading **Luke 12:49-56**

⁴⁹ "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze!

⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!

⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;

⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens.

⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens.

⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: Thanks be to God!

Silence after Reading of Scripture

Sermon “Heavenfire” Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine

Song PH #300 “We Are One in the Spirit” Worship Leader Emmanuel

**v.1 We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

(Refrain)

**And they’ll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians
by our love.**

**v.2 We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:**

(Refrain)

**And they’ll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians
by our love.**

Affirmation of Faith **Worship Assistant Chawezi**

Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again for the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of the People **Worship Assistant Chawezi**

Song LYH #61 "Change My Heart, O God" Worship Leader Emmanuel

**Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like you.**

**You are the potter, I am the clay,
Mold me and make me,
That is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like you.**

Lord's Prayer Worship Assistant Chawezi

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

Song LYH #99 "Center of My Life" Worship Leader Emmanuel

**O Lord, you are the center of my life:
I will always praise you,
I will always serve you,
I will always keep you in my sight.**

SENDING

Charge and Blessing Pastor Andrew

Song PH #625 "How Great Thou Art" Worship Leader Emmanuel

**v.2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:**

**Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art!
How great thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to thee:
How great thou art!
How great thou art!**

**v.3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:**

**Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art!
How great thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to thee:
How great thou art!
How great thou art!**

(Pastor recesses down from aisle and stands in back to greet congregation.
Festive coffee hour in Fellowship Hall to welcome Pastor Andrew follows.)