

ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

Assisted listening devices are available in the sound booth.

PRELUDE

Beloved, God’s Chosen Music by Jacob Weber

† CALL TO WORSHIP

† Indicates the congregation should stand.

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
P: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing.**

L: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us and we are His;
P: **We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

L: Enter His courts with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name.
P: **For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

† DECLARATION OF TRUST

L: Congregation of Jesus Christ, in whom are you trusting?
P: **Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

L: Grace, mercy and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
P: **Amen!**

† OUR PROFESSION

L: In our world, bent under the weight of sin, Christ gathers a new community.
P: **Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may confuse and swallow; but Jesus builds His church, His Spirit guides, and grace abounds.**

L: The church is the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord.
P: **She is the bride of Christ, His chosen partner, loved by Jesus and loving Him: delighting in His presence, seeking Him in prayer, silent before the mystery of His love.**

L: Our new life in Christ is celebrated and nourished in the fellowship of congregations where God's name is praised, His Word proclaimed, His way taught;
P: **where sins are confessed, prayers and gifts are offered, and sacraments are celebrated.**

† GLORIA PATRI 71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

† PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

God makes peace within us; let us claim it. God makes peace between us; let us share it. Let us greet one another as a sign of God’s peace.

L: The peace of Christ is here among us.
P: **Thanks be to God.**

ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

ANTHEM

How Will They Know? Music by Mark Patterson
Covenant Choir

If not from my hands, how will they learn to give? If not from my heart, then where will love begin? If they never see Christ alive in me, how will they know God's love? If not from what I say, how will they learn to care? If not from what I do, how will they learn to share? If they never see Christ alive in me, how will they know God's love? If they never hear of Jesus' love at Calvary, if they never know the sacrifice He made, if they never hear a joyful song resounding, if they never hear a hymn of grateful praise, how will they know God's love? We will tell the story of Jesus and His love. We will sing the glory of God who reigns above. Let the joyful songs ring out, let the hymns of praise begin. We will share God's gift of love each day that we live!

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE WORD

Today, we dive into the Apostle John's awe-inspiring visions on the island of Patmos as detailed in the opening of Revelation. Amid persecution and divine encounters, John is tasked with delivering messages to the seven churches, revealing the majesty of Christ and the profound symbolism of his vision. Listen as we explore the themes of endurance, revelation, and the eternal hope found in Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 1: 9-20

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Last Things First:
The Last Word on Jesus Christ Pastor Meshach Kanyion

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Heavenly Father, thank You for the revelation of Jesus Christ which You gave to Your servant John showing us all that must come to pass in the not too distant future. Thank You that Christ took the terrible punishment for our sins and that we have been clothed in His righteousness by faith in His death and resurrection. We pray that our lives would be true witnesses of Your goodness and grace. May we turn from every kind of evil, hold fast to His Word of truth, and listen carefully to all that the Holy Spirit says. We honor and glorify You in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

OFFERTORY

Give Me Jesus

Music by Craig Courtney
Karen Kruse

† DOXOLOGY

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.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Abundant God, prophecy says You are coming with the clouds for every eye to see. Until that day, may the tithes and offerings we bring each week do the holy work of making Your reign real in Montgomery, in Cincinnati, and in the world in need. Amen.

GO FORTH WITH GOD’S BLESSING

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 715

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL’S 148th

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

O Lord, We Praise You

Music by Jacob Weber

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IN WORSHIP TODAY

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today’s altar flowers are given by Tom and Marilyn Clark in honor of our grandson Jacob's 11th birthday.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Meshach Kanyion, *Senior Pastor*
Brody Schmidt, *Acolyte*
Cathy Rosenbaum, *Lay Reader*
Joe Galyon, *Director of Worship and Arts*
Covenant Choir, Karen Kruse (piano, cello), *Musicians*
Peyton Voline, *Worship Technology Coordinator*

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A large, multi-paned stained glass window featuring abstract geometric designs in shades of blue, yellow, and red, set within a church sanctuary with pews and a pulpit.

LAST THINGS FIRST
Learning to Live in the Light of the End

The Last Word on Jesus Christ
Revelation 1

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