

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

10:00 AM

** Please stand*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

Invitation to Mission & Discipleship (*Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads*)

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also, with you.

**CALL TO WORSHIP
IN MUSIC**

“Prelude on “Resignation”

Robert W. Thygerson

Kim Anderson, organist

The music is a call to open one's spirit to God's presence in our midst.

OPENING SENTENCES (*from Psalm 18*)

Leader: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

**Congregation: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge.**

Leader: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

**Congregation: The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation.**

*** HYMN #33** “Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show”

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*in unison*)

Holy God, perfect in love, source of all good, and worthy of all praise, we come confessing that we elevate things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are inconsistent with you and your purpose. We have not asked if the lives we live are worthy of your call and reflective of your character. Forgive us, O God, for the ways we fall short of your glory. Renew us and help us to walk in the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Silent confession)

Congregational Response

“The Kyrie”

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria *(from Hymn #581)*

**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.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Betsy

Children will attend Sunday School after the message. (See inside cover)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Freed

1ST SCRIPTURE READING John 17:1-5

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed."

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

"This Is My Father's World"

John Horman

The Summer Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

This is my Father's world, and to my
list'ning ears all nature sings and round
me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world.

This is my Father's world, the birds their
carols raise, the morning light, the lily
white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er
forget that though the wrong seems oft so
strong, God is the Ruler yet!
This is my Father's world.

This is my Father's world; why should my
heart be sad? The Lord is King: let heavens
ring! God reigns: let the earth be glad.
This is my Father's world.

2ND SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 4:1-11

Rev. Dr. Reeves

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God, and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and back: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

"Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come."

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

"You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"God is Worthy"

Pastor Matt

*** HYMN #4**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Pastor Betsy

Offertory

"Sanctuary Prayer"

Eric Lewis

*** DOXOLOGY** *(from Hymn #607)*

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



*** DEDICATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Matt & Pastor Betsy

All who put their trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please come forward by row to receive communion. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is red, and wine is white. If you prefer, a pastor will serve you in your seat.

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, giver of wine and bread, send us from your table in confidence that We are your own children, born of your Spirit, fed at your table, filled with your grace, sent to speak your truth and offer your love to the world in Christ's name. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*** HYMN #23** "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

Postlude in G Minor

Franklin Ritter

Please remain seated during the postlude as it is the final "Amen" to our worship.