

Stranger Blessings

July 27, 2025
11:15am

We Gather and Praise God

Be Glad

Give thanks to the Lord, His love endures forever
Give praise to the Lord, Beside Him there's no other

CHORUS: This is the day the Lord has made
Oh! I will rejoice and be glad in it
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He brought us from mourning to dancing, From glory to glory
This is the day the Lord has made

So what are we waiting for
La la la la la la
Come on and praise the Lord
La la la la la la

Hear the word of the Lord, There's freedom for the captives
Good news to the poor, And beauty for the ashes (Chorus)

I live I live, To tell what the Lord has done
I live to sing of my Savior's love
I live because He is risen
La la la la la la la
(2x, Chorus)

Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

**CHORUS: You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper,,Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are (2x)**

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You (Chorus)

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You (Chorus)

We Hear God's Word

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 18:1-10a, NRSV

The Lord appeared to Abraham[a] by the oaks[b] of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. 3 He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures[c] of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." 7 Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. 9 They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." 10 Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The Word of God for the people of God:

Thanks be to God

Small Talk & Noisy Offering

Kate Beck

Surely the Presence

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**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel his mighty power and his grace
I can hear the brush of angels' wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

We Break Bread Together

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Forgiveness UMH page 8

**ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.**

We have failed to be an obedient church.

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. Silence is kept.

Leader to people: Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God!
Amen.**

***Passing the Peace**

Offering & Offertory Hear My Worship

The Great Thanksgiving UMH pages 15-16

Receiving Bread and Cup

Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin
that we might become his righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

**CHORUS: Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all**

His body the bread, his blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing (Chorus)

All our hope is in you, All our hope is in you
All the glory to you, God, the Light of the world
(Chorus)

We Go Forth

Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

***Dismissal with Blessing**