

Order of Worship

We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.

July 31, 2022

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Barbara Ciannella, organ

Our Approach to God

WELCOME

*OPENING PSALM *"Praise His Name"* Psalm 148
Nate Giordano, guitar

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 106

Leader: Hallelujah! Thank God! And why? Because He's good, because His love lasts.

People: But who on earth can do it—declaim God's mighty acts, broadcast all His praises?

Leader: You're one happy man when you do what's right, one happy woman when you form the habit of justice.

People: Remember me, God, when You enjoy Your people; include me when You save them;

Leader: We've sinned a lot, both we and our parents; we've fallen short, hurt a lot of people.

People: God saved us from a life of oppression, pried us loose from the grip of the enemy.

*OPENING SONG *"Unbroken Praise"* Redman
Nate Giordano, guitar

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, we've made You into something You never meant to be. We proclaim You Friend (and You are). We revel in Your grace (and we should). We rejoice in Your love (and it's very real). But we've also chipped off all Your hard edges. We've opted for a soft Jesus Who settles for the way we are. Not the One Who challenges us; not the One Who pushes us, Who tries to move us to be more human, more the way we are meant to be – Who, in short, wants us to be transformed through the Holy Spirit. Jesus, when we're tempted to look past Who You really are, make Yourself clear, we pray. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKSFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN *"Love Lifted Me"* #508

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:13-16 p. 46 (NT)

SERMON *"That's So Cuuute"* Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *"The Solid Rock"* #526

BENEDICTION

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Weekly Calendar

Wednesday 7:30 Zoom Bible Study
Thursday 10:00 Bible Study
7:30 Zoom Bible Study

Sunday, August 7, 2022

10:00 AM – Worship

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ALONG WITH THE PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT, we collect on an ongoing basis for the Norwood Pantry. Items currently needed are coffee, oil, mayonnaise, sugar, complete pancake mix, pancake syrup, mustard, oatmeal, juice, shampoo, conditioner, and monetary donations. Gift cards to grocery stores are also welcome.

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