



*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of the United Church of Christ*



Order of Worship for

June 29, 2025

10:00 am

Welcome to Worship at Center Church!
We are delighted that you are with us today.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – JUNE 29, 2025
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Photos from Chris Graesser and Maegen Casey

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC Blessings
Logan Singerman, vocals and guitar

L. Singerman

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalm 18, Selected Verses

One: I love You, O Lord, my strength.

All: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.

My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise,
and I am saved from my enemies.**

The cords of death entangled me;
the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

**The cords of the grave coiled around me;
the snares of death confronted me.**

In my distress I called to the Lord;
I cried to my God for help.

**From His temple He heard my voice;
my cry came before Him, into His ears.**

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;
He drew me out of deep waters.

**He rescued me from my powerful enemy,
from my foes, who were too strong for me.**

They confronted me in the day of my disaster,
but the Lord was my support.

**He brought me out into a spacious place;
He rescued me because He delighted in me.**

For who is God besides the Lord?
And who is the Rock except our God?

**It is God who arms me with strength
and makes my way perfect.**

He makes my feet like the feet of a deer;
He enables me to stand on the heights.

**The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock!
Exalted be God my Savior!**

*OPENING SONG Come, Now is the Time to Worship

B. Doerksen

*Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before you God, Come.*

*One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow;
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those Who gladly choose You now.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
What National Parks have you visited?

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Aspen Marie Casey
Daughter of Maegen & Kyle Casey

Introduction to Baptism

Affirmations of the Family

Congregational Assent

Pastor: In baptism, we commit ourselves to the nurture of this child. Church, are you ready to dedicate yourselves to Aspen Marie?

Church: We are prepared. We dedicate our minds and hearts to this child and to her/his parents.

Will you strive to love and cherish them in times of struggle as well as gladness?

We will love and cherish them always.

We acknowledge the divine spark within each child.

May we be worth guardians of this young life. May we build a community in which she will grow old surrounded by beauty, embraced by love, and cradled in the arms of peace.

Act of Baptism

Unison Prayer of Dedication

God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day as this community, these parents, and this child come together making covenant promises. We pray that this community will have the grace to uphold the promises made here this day, providing a safe shelter of your love in which this child may grow and play. We pray that these parents may continue to feel the sweet wonder of your presence so transparent here today. We pray that this child will bask in your love as she makes her own journey through this life. Amen.

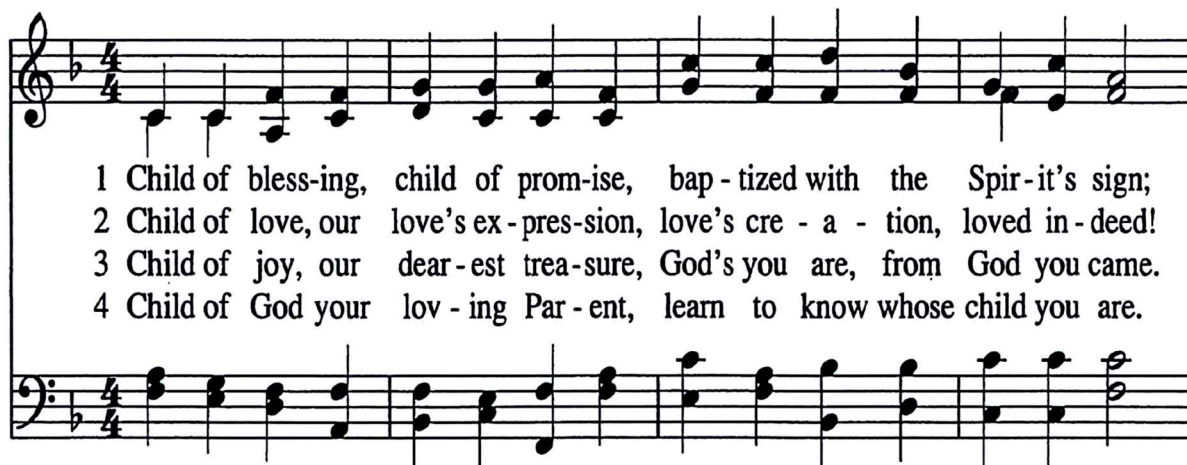
HYMN NCH 325 (*Insert, Next Page*) Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTTGART

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981



1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir-it's sign;
2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in-deed!
3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.



With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.

Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716), in
Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715



ASPEN MARIE CASEY

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism Today

Aspen Marie was born July 30, 2024
Aspen is the child of Maegen & Kyle Casey

**Congregation Sings:*

*This land is your land,
This land is my land;
From California to the New York island,
From the redwood forests to the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me.*

W. Guthrie

Children leave for Sunday School Classrooms

SCRIPTURE Acts 6:1-8; 7:55-60

SERMON *Consequences*

Rev. Liza Arulampalam

MUSICAL RESPONSE You've Got a Friend

C. King

David Reynolds, Dan Theriault, & Logan Singerman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Ancient of Days

R. Kenoly

Dan Theriault, Guitar and Vocals

*Blessing and Honor, Glory and Power be unto the Ancient of Days
From every nation, All of creation: bow before the Ancient of Days*

*Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory
Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship
You will be exalted, oh God and Your kingdom shall not pass away
Oh, Ancient of Days!*

*Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
For none can compare to Your matchless worth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days*

*DOXOLOGY NCH 780

***Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.***

***And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us, Give Thanks!***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING SONG

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love!*

*Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to You.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Your very own.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION (*Printed Next Page*)

POSTLUDE Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (*reprise*)

Thank you to everyone who participated in worship! Go in Peace!

BENEDICTION

From the Chapel of Transfiguration, Grand Teton National Park

Go for the Grandeur of God's Creation.

Go and see the Art of creation all around you.

Go to recall life's Diversity.

Go to see if it is as beautiful in real life as it is in your Imagination.

Go to return to the site of your favorite dreams, and Remember
what it is to Marvel.

Go to see nature's Paradox: When circumstances Change, life must
Adapt with the unexpected Consequences-and yet Nature Thrives.

Go because you want to cross Borders, to go to a new Place.

Go because it is Home or it is where your Roots are.

Go because you're on a Mission.

Go for the sake of the Journey or the Experience.

Go because you crave Movement.

Go to celebrate a Beginning, a Landmark, or an Ending.

Go to find Connection, then Reconciliation, then Unity.

Go for the Community and the Companionship and the Teamwork,
or go for the Solitude and Isolation.

Go and refresh your Spirit. Go for the Sabbath.

Go for all the Time you need to regain Perspective.

Go and start a new Story.

Go to remember a Language without words.

Go and remember your Name, or forget it for a while.

Go to seek the Turbulence and the Chaos and the Wilderness, and
then find Restoration and Emancipation and Joy.

Go in search of Preservation and Protection when Darkness looms.

Go and face Adversity, seek Guidance, remember to Trust, and see
the Potential for wondrous things.

Go for Reflection, and to see a Vision of what your life could be.

Go to remember the Sustenance and the Foundation of our faith
and lives we have in God.

Go and see God Reveal the Signs of divine love all around you.

Go to remember God Nurtures you and expects you in turn to
nurture the world we share.

Go and see Paradise, for us to share now and forever.

Go because Life is a Gift from God and we should live every moment
as though it is our last.

Go.

And go in Peace. Amen.