



Sunday Worship
Sunday, July 19, 2026
National City Christian Church

The Service of Worship

Prelude

Kevin Biggins Jr.

Deep River

Based on the African-American Spiritual, Arr. Adolphus Hailstork

*Processional Hymn

Congregation

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry,
2. All your works with joy sur - round you, Earth and heav'n re -
3. Al - ways giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
4. Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus, Which the morn - ing



Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you,
flect your rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round you,
ev - er blest, Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,
stars be - gan; God's own love is reign - ing o'er us,



Open - ing to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise; Field and for - est,
O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Lov - ing Fa - ther,
Join - ing peo - ple hand in hand. Ev - er sing - ing,



sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Christ our broth - er, Let your light up - on us shine;
march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Prais - ing you e - ter - nal - ly!
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

Welcome

Pastor Stephanie

***Call to Worship**

Pastor Stephanie

*One: Through dreams and visions, O God,
All: you broaden the horizon and hope of your people,
One: that they may discover the meaning of your covenant,
All: even in the midst of trial and exile.
One: so that all people may joyfully respond to your call
All: and share in your promises. Amen.*

*** Hymn of Spiritual Readiness**

Congregation

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide - ness
2. For the love of God is broad - er Than the meas - ures
of the sea; There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice
of the mind; And the heart of the E - ter - nal
Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is plen - ti -
Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were
ful re - demp - tion In the blood that has been shed;
but more faith - ful, We should rest up - on God's word;
There is our joy for all the mem - bers
And our lives would be thanks - giv - ing
In the sor - rows of the Head.
For the good - ness of our Lord.

The Service of the Word

Prayers of the People

Robin Schacht

Revs. Drs. Stephanie and William Crowder, Gary Lewis, Nicholas Bullock, Dick Hamm, Norman Kruse, Dorothy Davis, Betty Jones, Warren Brooks, Tim Schaefer, Eddie Franklin, Wes Strotman, Will White, Lon Schreiber, Monte Hillis, Carol Gesell, Bill Kambic, Fred Kendell, and Angie Bradley.

**If you would like to add your name or someone else's to this prayer list,
please reach out to Pastor Stephanie or Terri Malone, Elder and Worship Chair.**

Sacred Text: Book of Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 (NRSVUE)

Anna Meyer

Hear these words from the Book of Wisdom. Let us open our hearts to receive the Good News once more:

For neither is there any God besides you whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly...For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.

Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge fairly, and with great forbearance you govern us, for you have power to act whenever you choose.

Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

One: The Word of God, for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God

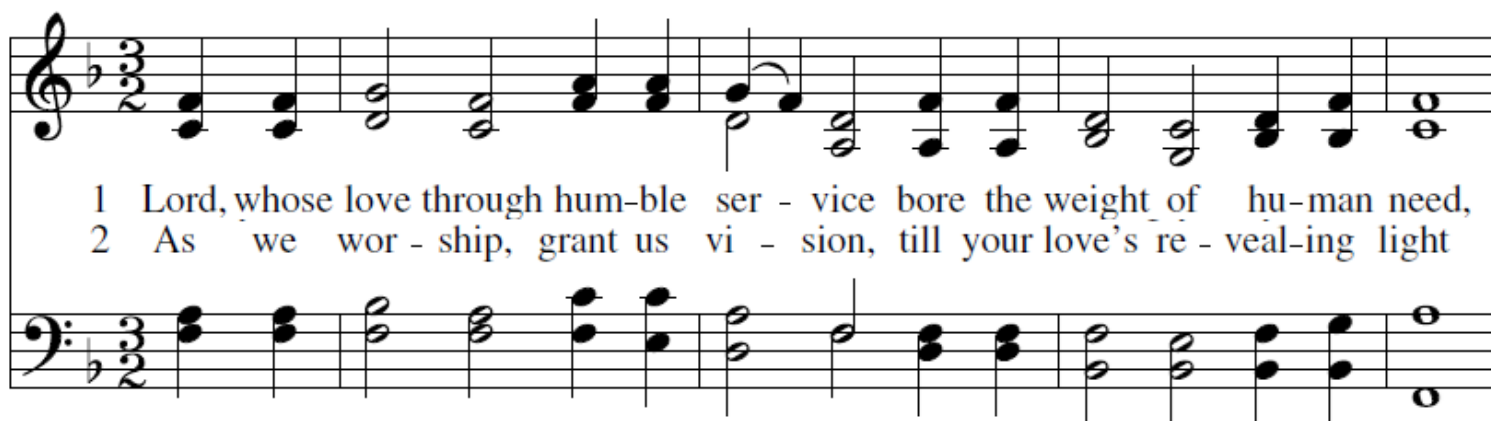
***Song of Response**

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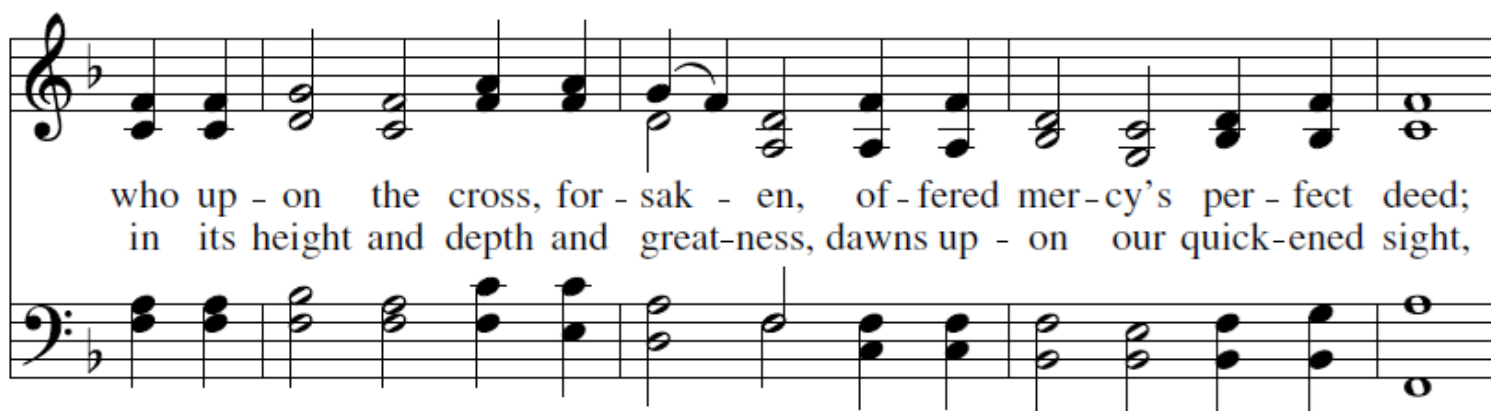
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Message

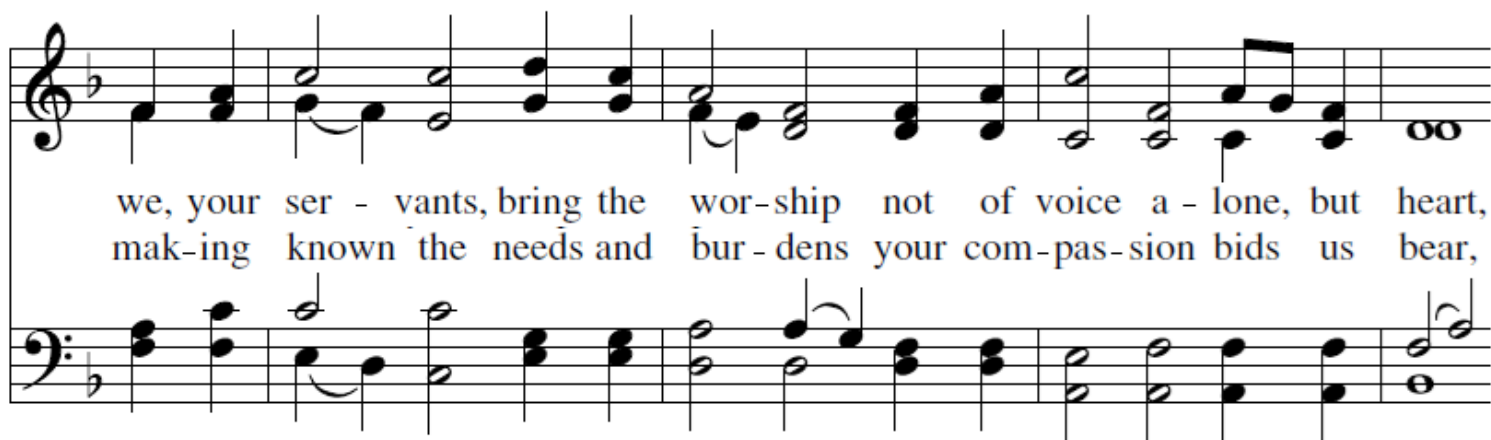
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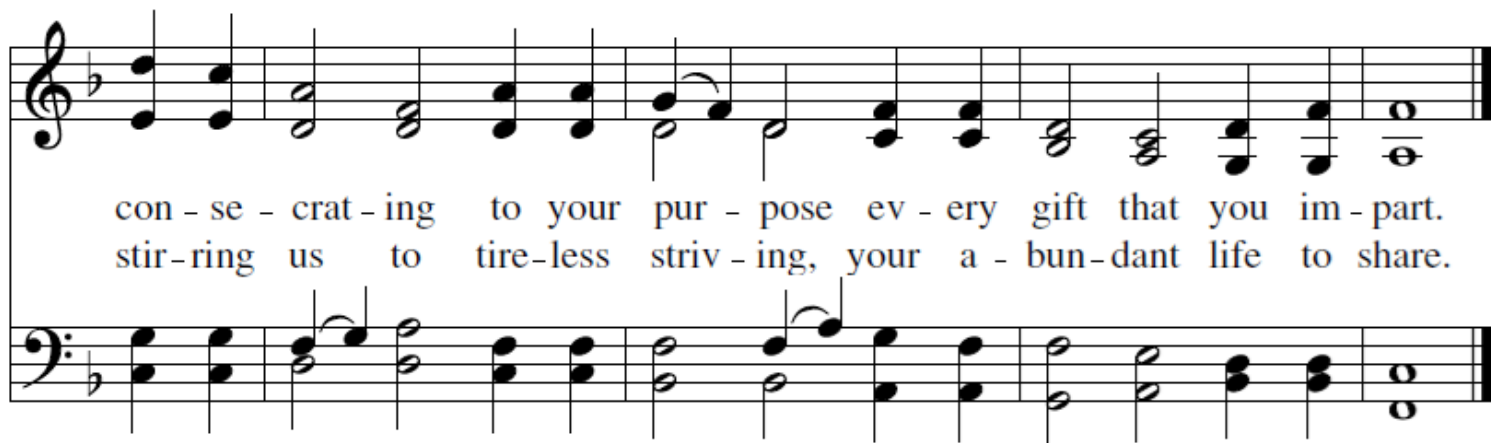
1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed;
 in its height and depth and great-ness, dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 stir-ring us to tire-less striv - ing, your a - bun-dant life to share.

The Service of Community

***The Lord's Prayer**

Grace Swihart

*You're invited to rise as you are able and join in the Lord's Prayer
using the words and the language that resonates most with your relationship to God.*

**Our God who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name,
Your Kindom come, Your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us today 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 Yours is the Kindom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen**

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Grace Swihart

Offertory

Sung by Jamet Pittman

There Is a Balm in Gilead

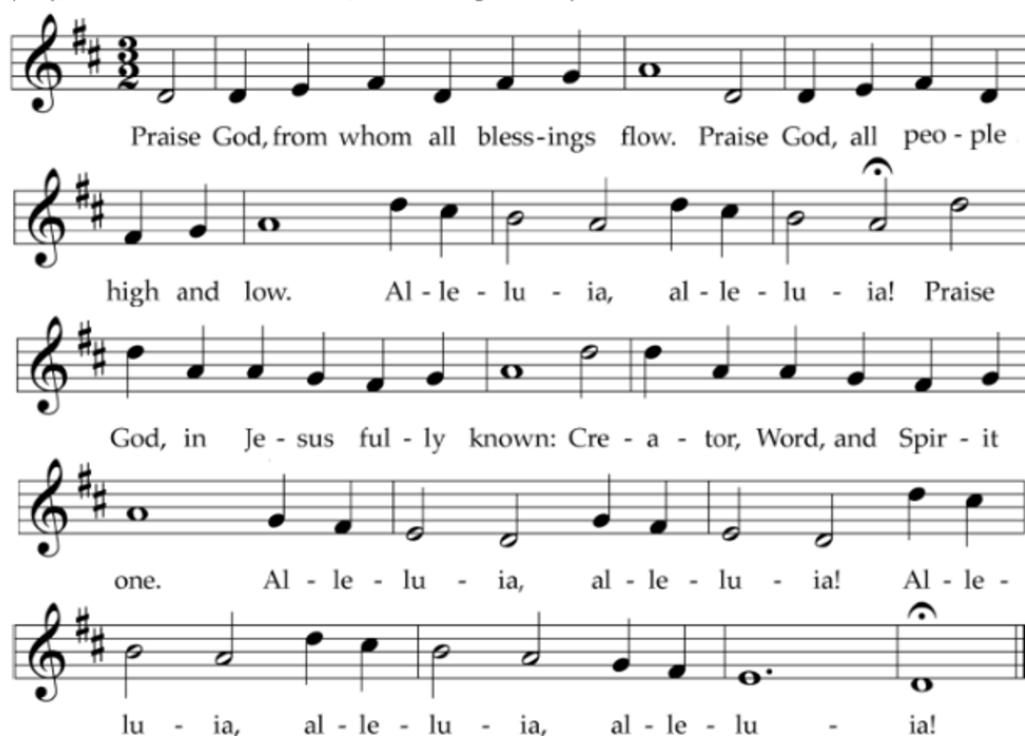
*Refrain: There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole
There is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit, revives my soul again. Refrain*

*If you can preach like Peter, if you can pray like Paul,
Go home and tell your neighbor, "He died to save us all." Refrain*

***Doxology**

Congregation



***Passing of the Peace**

Pastor Stephanie

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you!

All: And also with you.

***Hymn of Response**

Congregation

We Shall Overcome

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver - come,
2 We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,
3 We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,

Refrain

we shall o - ver - come some - day!
we'll walk hand in hand some - day!
we shall live in peace some - day!

Oh, deep in my

heart I do be - lieve that we shall o - ver - come some - day!

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*Know that The Lord is God! God made us, and we belong to the Creator,
We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts with praise!
Give thanks to God! Bless God's Name! For God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.*

The Service of the Table

*All are welcome to take communion. The elements are alcohol free and gluten free.
If you would like a deacon to bring communion elements to you in your pew, please raise your hand.
If you're in need of prayer, an elder is available at the back of the sanctuary.*

**Invitation to the Table
Prayers for the Bread and Cup
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Pastor Stephanie
Sarah Hedlund
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The Service of Going Forth

***Hymn of Going Forth**

Congregation

Christ is Alive!
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***Benediction**

Pastor Stephanie

Postlude

Kevin Biggins Jr.

Improvisation on We Shall Overcome
Based on the tune by Charles Albert Tindley, Arr. Carl Haywood

Christ is Alive!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
3 Christ is a - live and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
this and ev - ery age; till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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We worship together every Sunday at 11am EST both in-person and online.

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If a call to membership has been placed on your heart, please see Pastor Stephanie

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