

November 16, 2025
Champaign FUMC
23rd Sunday after Pentecost; Playground Blessing

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

***Congregation is invited to stand in heart or posture.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in g J S Bach

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to Online Church Family
- Playground Celebration and Blessing today
- Giving Tree Ornaments - due back to the church unwrapped with tag attached by November 30
- Poinsettia Sunday is December 7. The deadline to order a poinsettia is December 1.
- We once again have an opportunity to provide coats for Unit 4 LIFT program students. The tiny coats on the clothes line hanging from the railing in Friendship Center South list information on colors and sizes.

WE PRAISE GOD

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Know in the depths of your hearts that you are of great value to God.

People: Let us not worry about what we will eat, what we will wear, how long we will live. For God has done great things for us!

Liturgist: Those who worry about their lives,

People: shall learn that God knows all their needs.

Liturgist: Let us be glad and rejoice in our sovereign God.

People: Let us walk in a spirit of thanksgiving, faith, and joy!

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 110**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe now seeks to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;

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one little word shall fell him.

4. That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Loving God, we sing praises to your name. Keep us mindful of all the ways you love us and bless us. Give us the wisdom to put gratitude at the core of our walks with you. Through good times and bad, through darkness and haze, you remain with us. Your faith in us never wanes, and we pray today that you might strengthen our faith. Tune our very lives, that our hearts might sing in gratitude to you, many times each day. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE

Offertory, John Ness Beck
Micah 6:6-8
Chancel Choir
Christopher Commiso, soloist

With what shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, shown you,
He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?

WE HEAR THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

WORSHIP SONG

What an Awesome God

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Led by Perceptions Praise Team

Verse 1

God is great give Him all the praise
Hallelujah Name above all Names
Fire in His eyes healing in His veins
Everywhere His glory on display
Take a look at those stars He can name them all
Before His throne every knee falls
The demons have to run the angels have to praise
Even the wind and waves obey

Chorus 1

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love
Our God is an awesome God

Verse 2

And even when I ran He didn't run away
He came and put death back in its place
Friday on a cross broken for my shame
Sunday morning rose up from that grave
Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet
He saved our souls for eternity
Worthy is the Lamb glory to the King
Oh let all the saints and the angels sing

Chorus 1

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love
Our God is an awesome God

Verse 3

Eyes on the sky there will be a day
He will come and wipe our tears away
No more fear no more pain
No more sorrow sin or shame
The King is coming back again
A reign of love that will never end
For everything You've done and everything You do
And everything You are I'll sing to You

Chorus 1

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Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
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Our God is an awesome God

Chorus 2
My God You're an awesome God
You're great in all You do
I'm made to worship You
My God You're an awesome God

Chorus 1
Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love
Our God is an awesome God

Tag
Our God is an awesome God
Our God what an awesome God

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

Turkeys and Eagles

Pastor Paul Arnold

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PLAYGROUND CELEBRATION

Ron Fields

PLAYGROUND BLESSING

Led by Rev. Paul Arnold

Loving God, we thank you for our new playground, and we ask for your blessing upon it. We thank you for the vision and the sacrifices of those who made this possible. We pray that the playground would be an instrument of your love, and an expression of our support, for the precious children who attend our Child Care Center. Let the playground be a place of safety, fun, and community for the dear children who use it. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR WHOLE SELVES

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Dale Wood

*Doxology No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God all creatures here below!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*HYMN NO. 2140

Since Jesus Came into My Heart

1. What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,
since Jesus came into my heart!
Refrain: Since Jesus came into my heart,

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since Jesus came into my heart,
floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
since Jesus came into my heart.

2. I have ceased from my wandering and going astray,
since Jesus came into my heart!
And my sins, which were many, are all washed away,
since Jesus came into my heart!
Refrain: Since Jesus came into my heart...
3. I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure,
since Jesus came into my heart!
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure,
since Jesus came into my heart!
Refrain: Since Jesus came into my heart...
4. There's a light in the valley of death now for me,
since Jesus came into my heart!
And the gates of the City beyond I can see,
since Jesus came into my heart!
Refrain: Since Jesus came into my heart...
5. I shall go there to dwell in that City, I know,
since Jesus came into my heart!
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,
since Jesus came into my heart!
Refrain: Since Jesus came into my heart...

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE AND WITNESS

*GET CONNECTED AND SENDING FORTH

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God arr. Helmut Walcha

WORSHIP TEAM

We are extremely grateful for the many people who work together to bring worship to our church family! Our thanks this week goes to:

Rev. Paul Arnold, Directing Pastor
Ray Wiggs, Organist
Hillary Veitch, Liturgist
Marley Lammers, Cantor
Christopher Commiso, Soloist
Perceptions Praise Team

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Ron Fields, Playground Celebration
Ryan Berner, Riley Berner, Dave Berner, Pete Beyler, A/V Tech
Barbara Zachow, Director of Music and Worship

THE MUSIC

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 110
Text: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; trans. By Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 (Ps. 46)
Music: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; harm from *The New Hymnal for American Youth*, 1930
Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG; Meter: 87.87.66.667

Offertory

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Cashagamble Jet Music; Phil Wickham Music; Simply Global Songs

Doxology

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 94
Text: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. By Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978
Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. By Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN; Meter: 88.44.88 with Refrain

Since Jesus Came into My Heart

The Faith We Sing Number 2140
Text: R.H. McDaniel
Music: Charles H. Gabriel
Tune: McDANIEL; Meter: 12.8.12.8 with Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! It is a privilege to extend Christ's welcome to you.

PLEASE REGISTER your attendance by commenting on our Facebook page during the worship service.

WEBSITE please explore our website! champaignfumc.org

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NEWCOMERS If you are new to our community of faith, our pastor would like to have a conversation with you and get to know you better. Pastor Paul wants to be your pastor and he hopes FUMC will be your church home. Please fill out the CONNECTION CARD found on our website. <https://www.champaignfumc.org/connection-sheet>

SIGN UP FOR MORE! We would like to communicate with you by email newsletter! If you would like to receive letters from the pastor and church news, please go to our website, [champaignfumc.org](https://www.champaignfumc.org), and fill out our CONNECTION CARD!
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PRAYER REQUESTS If you would like prayers, email your prayer request to:
info@champaignfumc.org

PASTORAL VISITS Pastor Paul is available for visits during the afternoons, most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For an appointment, please call Sharon Johnson in the church office (217-356-9078).

PRAYER WARRIORS If you would like to be an FUMC Prayer Warrior, please contact Sharon Johnson at: sjohnson@champaignfumc.org

UPCOMING

Sunday, November 16

Playground Blessing
9:30am Adult Sunday School Session
10:30am In-Person Worship Service
10:30am Worship Service On Facebook and YouTube
1:30pm DREAAM Robotics Program
4:00pm Angel Choir
5:00pm Youth Music
6:00pm Youth Group

Monday, November 17

4:30pm LIFT Friendship Event
6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop 1
7:00pm Choral Union
7:00pm Young Adults Wesley Covenant Group

Tuesday, November 18

9:00am Tuesday Morning Book Club
10:30am All Staff Meeting
11:30am Walking Talking Lunch Bunch - Rainbow Garden
5:30pm Board of Trustees
6:00pm Chancel Ringers
6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 11 Pack Meeting
7:15pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, November 19

1:00pm Wednesday Recovery Group

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1:30pm Wednesday Afternoon Wesley Covenant Group

6:30pm Beyler Wesley Covenant Group

7:00pm Chancel Choir

7:30pm Venturing Crew 1

Thursday, November 20

8:30am Messenger Deadline

10:00am Minds in Motion

5:30pm DREAAM Robotics Program

6:00pm Perceptions Praise Team

6:00pm Wrapped in His Love

Friday, November 21

2:30pm FUMCCC Pre K Parade

8:00pm Van Reserved for Youth Group

Saturday, November 22

Sunday, November 23

Reign of Christ Sunday

Thanksgiving Sunday

9:30am Adult Sunday School Session

10:30am In-Person Worship Service

10:30am Worship Service On Facebook and YouTube

1:30pm DREAAM Robotics Program

4:00pm Angel Choir

5:00pm Youth Music

6:00pm Youth Group

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