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**Raised in Glory**

*Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ*

# ***Order of Worship***

***\*Please Stand if you are able***

WELCOME

*Earl O'Connor*

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Earl O'Connor*

*Leader: We have come to worship God, the living God,*

***All: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.***

*Leader: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,*

***All: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.***

*Leader: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,*

***All: Who chooses even you and me,***

***to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.***

***All glory to God!***

## **\*GATHERING HYMN**

*"We Gather Together"*

*UMH 131*

## **\*OPENING PRAYER**

*Earl O'Connor*

*O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the*

*Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your*

*Joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all*

*peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the*

*earth. Amen.*

## **\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

*UMH 454*

## **\*PSALTER**

*Psalms 37: 1-11*

*Earl O'Connor*

*Leader: Do not be angry because of the wicked;*

*do not be envious of wrongdoers!*

***All: For they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.***

*Leader: Trust in the LORD, and do good;*

*so you will dwell in the land, and enjoy security.*

***All: Take delight in the LORD,  
who will give you the desires of your heart.***

*Leader: Commit your way to the LORD;*

*trust in God, who will act,*

*bringing forth your vindication as the light,*

*and your right as the noonday.*

**All: Be still and wait patiently before the Lord;  
do not be angry because of those who prosper in their  
way, because of those who carry out evil devices!**

Leader: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!

Do not be angry; it leads only to evil.

**All: For the wicked shall be cut off;  
but those who wait for the LORD shall possess the land.**

Leader: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
though you look at their place, they will not be there.

**All: But the meek shall possess the land,  
and delight in abundant prosperity.**

### **\*GLORIA PATRAI**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Sarah Ritchea*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Earl O'Connor*

PASTORAL PRAYER

*Earl O'Connor*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Earl O'Connor*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Earl O'Connor*

*Holy God of light and life that overcomes darkness and death: as we offer  
our tithes and offerings to you this morning, we pray that we may give the  
confidence and assurance of those fully convinced in our promise of  
Resurrection! Help us to experience our generosity as those who have no  
need to hold back or hedge our bets. May we live our days giving freely with  
love and grace, not as those who have the hope of salvation, but the  
promise! In Christ, we pray. Amen.*

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 6: 27-38*

*Colette Barth*

SERMON

*"Love Never Ends"*

*Colette Barth*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)*

*Earl O'Connor*

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

*"Jesu, Jesu"*

UMH 432

**\*BENEDICTION**

Earl O'Connor

  
*Worship Leaders*

*Colette Barth & Earl O'Connor*



<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Music Leader</i>	<i>Children's Sermon</i>
Earl O'Connor	Sarah Ritchea	Sarah Ritchea

<i>Greeters/Ushers</i>
Bobby & Charla Jones

PRAYER REQUESTS

*We are here to pray for you!*



Dillon Alcous	James Trusty	Tiffany Gillis
Larry Wolf Family	Emily Cheatham	Martin & Kathy Flannery
Becca Wagner	David Jaks	Martin Eldridge III family
Javance Thomas	Diane Schroeder	Matthew Bryant
Bryan & Vicky Adkins	Catrina Harper	Coleen Tom
Annabelle Gomez	Graylin Rusk	Morin family
Teresa Strickland	Linda Sager	John Flannery family
Linda Thamm	Cheryl Sweet	Jackie & John Bush family
Preston Carey	Pinky Togmetti	Tina Heiser
A.J. Carter	Kyle Paschall	Dylan Mills
Ronnie White	J.D. Heyen	Elizabeth Reid
Gentry Rigsby	Tiy Salazar	Jayliem Battles
Raylynn Wood	Ron Rinker	Brooks family
Colette Barth	Joe Kenemmer	Cox Family
Nina & baby	Yolanda Oroenez Family	Roy Zengerle
Pastor John Britsch	Morris Cooper	Travis Spears