

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Litany for a New School Year

God of Wisdom, at the beginning of a new school year, **we offer thanks and praise for your gift of new beginnings and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder.**

We pray for teachers, students and staff **that this year might be rewarding for all.**

Be with them as they face new tasks and challenges, **and experience the expectations and worries they present.**

In their learning and teaching, may they grow **in knowledge and wisdom in service to others, and in love for your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Call to Worship

“Standing on the Promises”
Verse 1
Standing on the promises of Christ my King, thru eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God

Chorus
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior

Verse 2
Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail
By the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God
Chorus
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior

Verse 3.
Standing on the promises, I cannot fall, list’ning every moment to the Spirit’s call
Resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God
Chorus
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior

Opening Prayer

A Time to Sing

“Hosanna in the Highest”
I see the King of glory, coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes
I see His love and mercy, washing over all our sins
The people sing, the people sing

Chorus (2x) Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation, rising up to take their place, with selfless faith, with selfless faith
I see a near revival, stirring as we pray and seek, We’re on our knees, we’re on our knees

Heal my heart and make it clean, Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me Break my heart for what breaks Yours,
Everything I am for Your kingdom’s cause As I walk from earth into eternity

Chorus (2x) Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

“Gratitude”
All my words fall short, I got nothing new How could I express, all my gratitude?
I could sing these songs, as I often do But every song must end, and You never do

Chorus
So I throw up my hands And praise You again and again 'Cause all that I have is
a hallelujah Hallelujah And I know it's not much But I've nothing else fit for a King
Except for a heart singing hallelujah Hallelujah

I've got one response, I've got just one move With my arm stretched wide, I will worship You

Chorus Bridge (3X).....
So come on, my soul Oh, don't you get shy on me Lift up your song 'Cause
you've got a lion inside of those lungs Get up and praise the Lord

Chorus

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Romans 8:28, 31-39

Sermon “So Much More!” Rev. Brian Coplin

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your

law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction

“Gloria Patri”

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. Amen.

Postlude

Prayer Concerns

To keep our Prayer List current, we plan to RE-SET it at the beginning of every month. If you know someone who needs to be placed on or remain on the prayer list for another month, please call the church office at 256-3632. In the evenings or on weekends call our Pastor, Rev. Brian Coplin. He may be reached by cell phone 318 614 5050 or send him an e-mail:rev.coplin@gmail.com.

Sandra Bishop
Norman Booker
David Cox (Linda Boudreaux’s brother)
Jason & Diane Davis (Amanda Lambert’s cousins)
Jason Fluitt
Judy Boudreaux Jones (Chuck Boudreaux’s sister)
Bobbie Kratz
Tyler Mason (Ted & Carolyn Dove’s great grandson)
Buck Phillips (Carolyn Gates’ (brother-in-law)
Ward Whitfield (Carole Troha’s brother)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ayden Goldberg Joe & Carole Troha



First United Methodist Church
Many, Louisiana
August 6, 2023

Pastor:	Rev. Brian Coplin
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Ray Spiller
Choir Director:	Carole Troha
Accompanist:	Patsy McCormick
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Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, August 6

8:30 a.m. - Coffee Time - FLC
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, August 7

6:00 p.m.- Ultreya - FH
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts -FLC

Tuesday, August 8

12:00 p.m. - Lions Club

Wednesday, August 9

5:30 p.m. - Youth - FLC
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

Friday, August 11

9:00 a.m. - Church Office Closed

Church Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Beginning Monday, August 21, 2023

Nominating Committee Meeting
Sunday, August 20th at 11:00 am
Conference Room



NOTE TO PARENTS

All children are welcome in worship! We offer nursery care for children 0-5 years of age. Our nursery is located at the bottom of the front stairs. Additionally, our calm room and restroom with diaper changing table is available in the back of the sanctuary. For the security of our young ones in these areas, all exterior doors are locked after the worship service has begun. Entry will then be available with the assistance of our ushers at the front glass doors. Thank you.

GIVING

In addition to our offertory, online giving is available through our website fumc-many.com. We can also receive gifts through Text to Give. To use this service, simply text "FUMCM" to 22525. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 1210 Many, LA 71449. Please call our church office for additional assistance at 318-256-3632. Thank you.

Little Food Pantry

Thank you for all your donations. This has resulted in a good supply of canned vegetables and soup on hand. Suggested donations: peanut butter, packaged tuna or chicken, vienna sausage, pull top pasta meals, fruit cups, pudding cups, breakfast bars or similar items. These items are helpful to people who are unable to prepare or cook food for whatever reason.
Cathy and Kristie