

# Our Offering of Worship

The Wakefield Baptist Church

September 6, 2026

*We gather in the Spirit of the Lord*

Prelude

Greetings

The sanctuary candles are lit

Julie Wardwell

Mike Comstock

The Call to Worship

*(Please add your voices where the bold type appears)*

Worship the Lord, for the Lord is good!

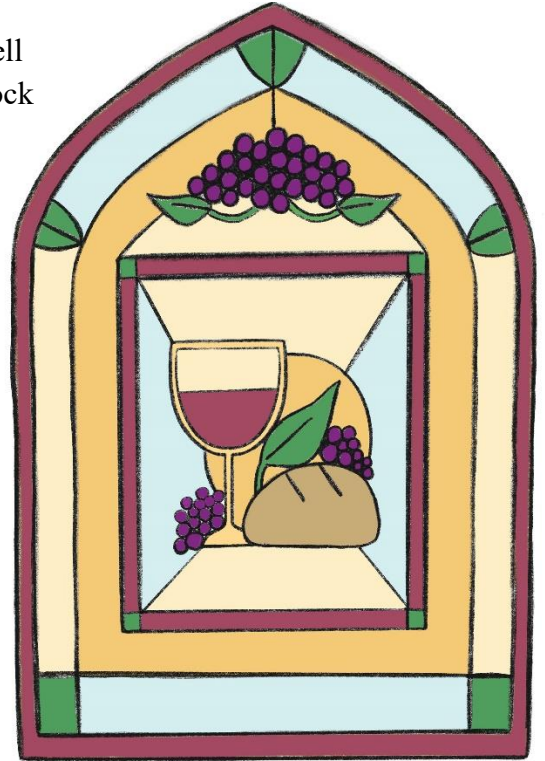
**He has blessed us with creation,  
and prepared his table in love.**

Rejoice in the Lord and bless his holy name.

**By his grace he saves us from our sins;  
and in his mercy, he satisfies our souls.**

Praise the Lord whose presence in our peace.

**Let us worship the Lord,  
for the Lord is good!**



\*A Hymn of Worship #467 *We Are One in Christ*

\*Prayers of Approach

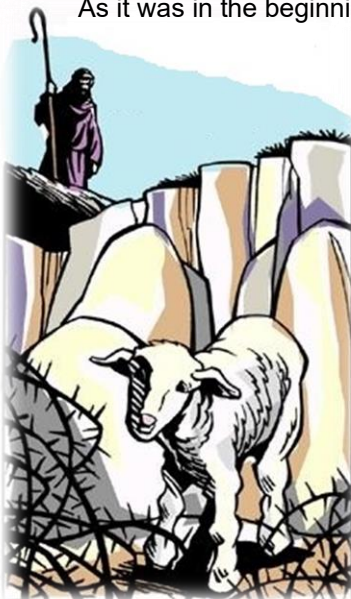
Clay Berry

**The Invocation & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**The 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.



## *The Word of the Lord*

The Psalm *Psalms 121* (attached)

The Gospel *Matthew 18:1-6, 10-14* (p. 799)

*After the reading:*

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

The Good News of the Gospel

# *We feast in fellowship with our Lord*

**\*A Song of Assurance #409** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

## **The Prayers of All God's People**

*After each person prays, we all respond: "O Lord, hear our prayer."*

**A Song of Invitation** *Jesus is Lord of All* (#431)

**Chorus:** Jesus is Lord of all, Jesus is Lord of all,  
Lord of my thoughts and my service each day,  
Jesus is Lord of all.



**The Lord's Supper\*\*** *Our communion prayer is led by Diane Paulhus*

Dear God and Father of all creation, whose Son walked free from death so we too might enjoy new and everlasting life, we rejoice in the blessing of this bread and cup as signs of his eternal reign and loving presence among us.

**We praise you for this new day, for the grace of the cross, the promise of the empty tomb, and for the joy we share here, at your table, in love.**

*(silent prayers of thanksgiving)*

Yet we confess that our hearts are often haunted by darkness. We feel the sting of death; we fear our mortality and grieve the losses we bear. We pray you empty our souls of despondency and doubt. Free us of remorse and shame, so that we may rejoice eternally as your children.

**Hear us, O Lord, as we confess our pain, acknowledge our sin,  
and look to you for healing, forgiveness, and peace.**

*(silent prayers for the grace we need)*

We bless you, Father, and rejoice in your mercy! Now place fresh songs of praise upon our lips! Send your Holy Spirit to fill us with rejoicing and unite us in love as we celebrate your grace here at this Table.

**Send your Holy Spirit! Increase our joy! Unite our hearts with yours!**

**Fill your church with love. *(silent prayers inviting the Holy Spirit)***

Feed and strengthen us in the promise of life everlasting. With all your saints in the heavenly realm, grant that we may feast in fellowship with you now, and forever.

**This we pray, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# *We go to love and serve the Lord*

## **\*The Blessing & Recessional**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

## **\*The Postlude**

**\*Please stand if you are comfortably able to do so**

**\*\*Our Communion Bread is gluten-free**

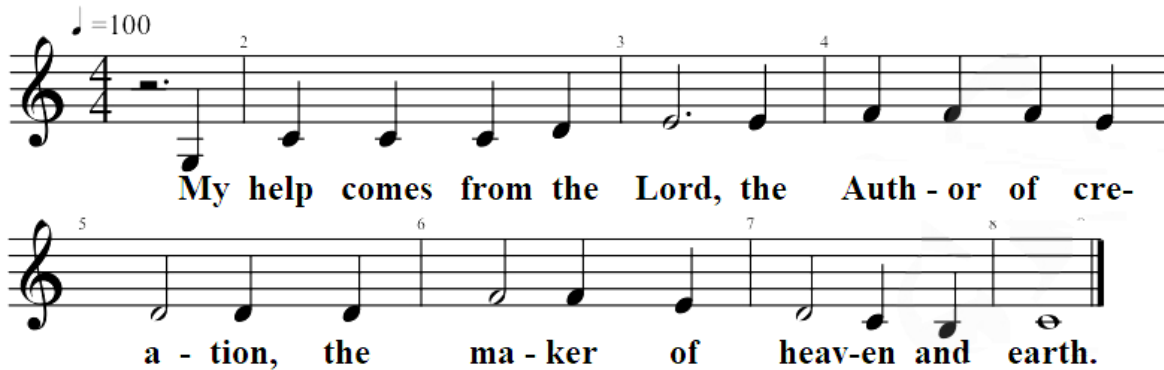
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## Psalm 121



***Refrain:*** My help comes from the Lord,  
the Author of creation,  
the maker of heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep. ***Refrain***

The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night. ***Refrain***

The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore. ***Refrain***

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**