

Service of Worship

Preparing for worship—For our spiritual edification and for the benefit of one another, let us spend the time before worship in silent preparation, meditation, and prayer, reading Scripture and familiarizing ourselves with today's Scripture readings, prayers, and hymns.

Leader: The Lord be with you!
People: The Lord bless you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS



God Calls Us

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 150:1-6

Leader: Let us rise and worship God! In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen!

† INTROIT Psalm 122b

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 4
Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

**You have relieved me in my distress;
Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.**

How long, O you sons of men,
Will you turn my glory to shame?
How long will you love worthlessness
And seek falsehood?

**But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly;
The Lord will hear when I call to Him.**

Be angry, and do not sin.
Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still.

**Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in the Lord.**

There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?"

Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.

You have put gladness in my heart,
More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

**I will both lie down in peace, and sleep;
For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him in Truth
People: He will hear their cry and save them!

† HYMN OF APPROACH # 18 – *You Holy Angels Bright*



God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:
(Those who are able kneel)

Leader: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father:

People: We acknowledge before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin,

we endlessly violate Your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that Your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in Your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Ephesians 2:1-6

Leader: Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ and His victory over the grave. Believe this, and rejoice!



Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is proper and right to do so.



God Consecrates Us

† FIRST READING Matthew 23:23-28

† SECOND READING James 5:7-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord—

People: Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Luke 5:27-32

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Signs of a Critical Religious Spirit*
Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 461 – *Not What My Hands Have Done*



God Communes With Us

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

People: And His mercy endures forever!

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

Passing of the Bread # 246 – *Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

Passing of the Wine # 535 – *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

Leader: The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith until life everlasting, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

† GLORIA PATRI # 735

† CONFESSION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.



God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

‡ DOXOLOGY

† The congregation will please stand

‡ With hands uplifted

