

# 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 Nehemiah 9:5b-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 # 1 – *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 124  
"If it had not been the Lord who was on our side," Let Israel now say—  
"If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,  
When men rose up against us,  
Then they would have swallowed us alive,  
When their wrath was kindled against us;  
Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,  
The stream would have gone over our soul;  
Then the swollen waters would have gone over our soul."  
Blessed be the Lord who has not given us as prey to their teeth.  
Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers;  
The snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

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 # 508 – *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*



## God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN  
Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God.  
*(Let those who are able kneel)*  
Leader: Almighty and Most Merciful God:  
**People: We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; and there is nothing good in us. We are guilty of pride, envy, sinful anger, and selfishness. We have been unchaste, sinfully anxious, and slothful in matters temporal and eternal. We deserve eternal punishment rather than Your grace in Christ Jesus. We are sorry; we humbly repent and ask You to incline our hearts to holiness. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we**

**may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen!**

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Ephesians 2:14-16

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 Psalm 103:1-14

† SECOND READING Matthew 9:35-38

Leader: The Word of the Lord—  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Matthew 12:15-21

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Jesus, Our Healing Hope*  
Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 497 – *I Need Thee, Precious Jesus*



## 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 Psalm 98a (vv. 1-3)  
Passing of the Wine Psalm 98a (vv. 4-7)

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 *The Nicene Creed*  
**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.**

**And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen!**



## God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

‡ DOXOLOGY

† The congregation will please stand  
‡ With hands uplifted

