

# 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 98:1-3

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

† INTROIT # 5 – God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 127  
Unless the Lord builds the house,  
**They labor in vain who build it;**  
Unless the Lord guards the city,  
**The watchman stays awake in vain.**  
It is vain for you to rise up early,  
**To sit up late,**  
To eat the bread of sorrows;  
**For so He gives His beloved sleep.**  
Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,  
**The fruit of the womb is a reward.**  
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,  
**So are the children of one's youth.**  
Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;  
**They shall not be ashamed  
but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.**

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

† PSALM OF APPROACH Psalm 47a



## God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN  
Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:  
**People: Almighty God, who raised again from the dead our Lord Jesus; I acknowledge that I am unworthy of your redeeming grace. I have not believed your promises, nor trusted in our living Lord. Through worldliness of spirit, my eyes have been blinded so that I have not discerned His presence with me. Through hardness of heart, my heart has not burned within me as I have heard His Word. I have not trusted in His redeeming power and have been overcome by evil. I have forgotten the joyful news of His victory over death and have not known the things that make for peace. But now in repentance I come to you, begging for your**

**forgiveness. Mercifully grant me cleansing from all my sins, and restore to me the joy of your salvation. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen!**

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 32:5

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 Hosea 10

† SECOND READING Matthew 19:16-30

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *The Parable of the Sower*  
Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 599 – Savior, like a Shepherd Leads Us



## 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 # 98 – Now Thank We All Our God  
Passing of the Wine # 100 – Holy, Holy, Holy!

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

