

## 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

The Candle of Peace Isaiah 2:2-4  
*The Prophets Who Foretold the Birth of Jesus*

## God Calls Us

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 24:7-10

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

† INTROIT *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save, And give them victory over the grave.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 122  
I was glad when they said to me,

**“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”**  
Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!  
**Jerusalem is built as a city that is compact together,**  
Where the tribes go up,

**The tribes of the Lord,**  
To the Testimony of Israel,  
**To give thanks to the name of the Lord.**  
For thrones are set there for judgment,  
**The thrones of the house of David.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
**“May they prosper who love you.**  
Peace be within your walls,  
**Prosperity within your palaces.”**  
For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say,  
**“Peace be within you.”**  
Because of the house of the Lord our God  
**I will seek your good.**

Leader: O Lord, give ear to our prayers.  
**People: Light the darkness of our hearts, Christ Jesus!**

† PSALM OF APPROACH Psalm 122b

## God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN (*Let those who are able kneel*)

Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:  
**People: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 103:8-12

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!



*fff* Hal-le - lu - jah! Praise to God the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord, both now and for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!

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 Isaiah 57:14-21

† SECOND READING Philippians 1:3-11

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Isaiah 42:1-4

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *The King Who Brings Justice*  
Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 198 – *Lift Up your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

## 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 # 229 – *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*  
Passing of the Wine # 227 – *O Christmas Night, All Christians Sing*

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

