# 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** Isaiah 45:22-23

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

and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

† INTROIT # 119 – I Sing the Almighty Power of God

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** 

Psalm 74

O God, why have You cast us off forever?

Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old.

the tribe of Your inheritance, which You have redeemed—

This Mount Zion where You have dwelt.

Lift up Your feet to the perpetual desolations.

The enemy has damaged everything in the sanctuary.

Your enemies roar in the midst of Your meeting place;

They set up their banners for signs.

They seem like men who lift up axes among the thick trees.

And now they break down its carved work,

all at once, with axes and hammers.

They have set fire to Your sanctuary;

They have defiled the dwelling place of Your name to the ground. They said in their hearts.

"Let us destroy them altogether."

They have burned up all the meeting places of God in the land.

We do not see our signs;

There is no longer any prophet;

Nor is there any among us who knows how long.

O God, how long will the adversary reproach?

Will the enemy blaspheme Your name forever?

Why do You withdraw Your hand, even Your right hand?

Take it out of Your bosom and destroy them. For God is my King from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

You divided the sea by Your strength;

You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters.

You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces,

and gave him as food to the people inhabiting the wilderness. You broke open the fountain and the flood;

You dried up mighty rivers.

The day is Yours, the night also is Yours;

You have prepared the light and the sun. You have set all the borders of the earth;

You have made summer and winter.

Remember this, that the enemy has reproached, O Lord,

And that a foolish people has blasphemed Your name.

Oh, do not deliver the life of Your turtledove to the wild beast!

Do not forget the life of Your poor forever.

Have regard for the covenant:

For the dark places of the land are full of the habitations of violence. Oh, do not let the oppressed return ashamed!

Let the poor and needy praise Your name.

Arise, O God, plead Your own cause

and remember how the foolish man reproaches You daily.

Do not forget the clamor of your foes, the uproar of those who rise against you, which goes up continually!

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 # 164 – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



### 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: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to thy promise declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we, being defended from fear of our enemies, may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen!

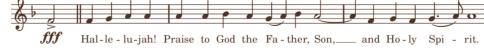
Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

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!







Leader: Lift up your hearts!

† FIRST READING

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

Leviticus 24:17-22

† SECOND READING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Matthew 5:38-42

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SERMON** 

A Principle of Justice, Not Revenge Pastor Jay Barfield

† PSALM OF RESPONSE

Psalm 72a

Mark 15:16-21



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 Passing of the Wine

# 98 – Now Thank We All Our God # 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

† CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

# 735

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen!



God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

**‡ DOXOLOGY** 

† The congregation will please stand

‡ With hands uplifted

Notes

## Announcements

#### **CHURCH FUNCTIONS**

- Wednesday Evening Activities Postponed until Fall. Please use your extra evening to get together for meals, fellowship, prayer, and encouragement not only with folks with whom you are close, but also with those with whom you are not. Invite and include unchurched friends as well.
- Second Sunday Lunch: September 11

#### **NURSERY WORKERS**

- Today
  - M. Willoughbys (Sunday School)
  - Elise & Sarah Grete (Worship)
- Next Week
  - Chandler Oswalts (Sunday School)
  - S. Quarleses (Worship)

#### **GENERAL**

 There will be a baby shower for Cassandra Brenner on September 10 at 10:30 a.m. at the Phillipses' home. Invitations are forthcoming.





FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 28, 2016

9:00 AM Sunday School and 10:30 AM Worship