

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 12:4-6

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

† INTROIT # 297 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 7

O Lord my God, in You I put my trust;
Save me from all those who persecute me;
And deliver me, lest they tear me like a lion,
Rending me in pieces, while there is none to deliver.
O Lord my God, if I have done this:
If there is iniquity in my hands,
If I have repaid evil to him who was at peace with me,
Or have plundered my enemy without cause,
Let the enemy pursue me and overtake me;
Yes, let him trample my life to the earth, and lay my honor in the dust.
Arise, O Lord, in Your anger;
Lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies;
Rise up for me to the judgment You have commanded!
So the congregation of the peoples shall surround You;
For their sakes, therefore, return on high.

The Lord shall judge the peoples;
Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness,
And according to my integrity within me.
Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end,
But establish the just;

For the righteous God tests the hearts and [c]minds.
My defense is of God who saves the upright in heart.

God is a just judge,
And God is angry with the wicked every day.
If he does not turn back, He will sharpen His sword;
He bends His bow and makes it ready.
He also prepares for Himself instruments of death;
He makes His arrows into fiery shafts.
Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity;
Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood.

He made a pit and dug it out,
And has fallen into the ditch which he made.
His trouble shall return upon his own head,
And his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown.
I will praise the Lord according to His righteousness,
And will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

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 # 347 – The Church's One Foundation

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 Acts 10:42-43

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 Psalm 73

† SECOND READING James 4:1-10

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT James 1:2-8

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

A Single-minded Faith
Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 335 – Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

VOWS OF MEMBERSHIP Bowen and Corley Woodson

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 # 679 – 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Passing of the Wine # 461 – Not What My Hands Have Done

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

