

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 Hebrews 12:22-24

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

INTROIT # 7 – From All That Dwell below the Skies

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 17

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

† PSALM OF APPROACH Psalm 99c

God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:
(Those who are able kneel)

Leader: O God, whose chosen dwelling is a heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love:

People: **We come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed; We have not loved You with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength; Nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and for the good we have left undone. But You, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion. You are slow to anger and abounding in mercy, and there is forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; Bind up that which is broken; Give light to our minds; Give strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Let Your Word abide with us and work in us Your holy will. Amen!**

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Proverbs 28:13

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 1 Kings 17:8-16

† SECOND READING Matthew 25:31-46

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT 1 Timothy 3:2

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Part 3: Hospitality and the Stranger
Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 478 – I Love to Tell the Story

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 # 100 – Holy, Holy, Holy!
Passing of the Wine # 53 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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 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

