

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 # 53 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 119:81-88
Forever, O Lord,

Your word is settled in heaven.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
You established the earth, and it abides.
They continue this day according to Your ordinances,
For all are Your servants.

Unless Your law had been my delight,
I would then have perished in my affliction.

I will never forget Your precepts,
For by them You have given me life.

I am Yours, save me;
For I have sought Your precepts.

The wicked wait for me to destroy me,
But I will consider Your testimonies.

I have seen the consummation of all perfection,
But Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

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 29a



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 Ephesians 2:1-6

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 Exodus 15:1-18

† SECOND READING Luke 18:9-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord—

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Philippians 4:8-9

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Always Being Reformed, part 1*
Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 558 – That Man is Blest Who, Fearing God



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 # 125— *Let All Things Now Living*
Passing of the Wine # 302 – *Come, Christians, Join to 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

