

# 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 1 Chronicles 16:8-10Psalm 118:24-26

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

† INTROIT # 342 – *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 6

O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger,  
**Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure.**  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak;  
**O Lord, heal me, for my bones are troubled.**  
My soul also is greatly troubled;  
**But You, O Lord—how long?**  
Return, O Lord, deliver me!  
**Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake!**  
For in death there is no remembrance of You;  
**In the grave who will give You thanks?**  
I am weary with my groaning;  
**All night I make my bed swim, and I drench my couch with my tears.**  
My eye wastes away because of grief;  
**It grows old because of all my enemies.**  
Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity;  
**For the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping.**  
The Lord has heard my supplication;  
**The Lord will receive my prayer.**  
Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled;  
**Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.**

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 # 310 – *Rejoice the Lord is King*



### 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 Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 10-11

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 Psalm 146

† SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:13:17

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Romans 13:1-7

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Christians, Government, and Elections*  
Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 111 – *This Is My Father's World*



### 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  
Passing of the Wine

Psalm 23b  
Psalm 71a

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

