

Service of Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you!
People: The Lord bless you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS



God Calls Us

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 65:1-2,4

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

People: **Amen!**

† INTROIT #16 – Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 49

Hear this, all peoples;

Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together.

My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall give understanding.

I will incline my ear to a proverb;

I will disclose my dark saying on the harp.

Why should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity at my heels surrounds me?

Those who trust in their wealth and boast in the multitude of their riches,
None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him—

For the redemption of their souls is costly, and it shall cease forever—

That he should continue to live eternally, and not see the Pit.

For he sees wise men die;

Likewise the fool and the senseless person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

Their inner thought is that their houses will last forever, and their dwelling places to all generations;

They call their lands after their own names.

Nevertheless man, though in honor, does not remain;

He is like the beasts that perish.

This is the way of those who are foolish,

And of their posterity who approve their sayings.

Like sheep they are laid in the grave;

Death shall feed on them;

The upright shall have dominion over them in the morning;

And their beauty shall be consumed in the grave, far from their dwelling.

But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave,

For He shall receive me.

Do not be afraid when one becomes rich, and when the glory of his house is increased;

For when he dies he shall carry nothing away and His glory shall not descend after him.

Though while he lives he blesses himself

(For men will praise you when you do well for yourself),

He shall go to the generation of his fathers;

They shall never see light.

A man who is in honor, yet does not understand,

Is like the beasts that perish.

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 #173 – Praise Him! Praise Him!



God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN (kneeling, if able)

Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:

Leader: Most holy and merciful Father,

People: **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, and 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. O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, 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 1 John 1:5-9

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

† Old Testament Reading Psalm 16

† New Testament Reading Romans 12:3-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord -

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Matthew 25:14-30

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Waiting: God's Call to Faithful Improvement
Pastor Gary Sinclair

† HYMN OF RESPONSE #585 – Take My Life, and Let It Be



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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

Passing of the Bread #254 – Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

Passing of the Wine #252 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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 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 in 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 (with hands uplifted)

† The congregation will please stand

