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

PRELUDE



CALL TO WORSHIP Zechariah 8:20-22

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

and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

† INTROIT # 119 – I Sing the Almighty Power of God

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 55

Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy! Attend to me, and answer me:

I am restless in my complaint and I moan, because of the noise of the enemy,

And because of the oppression of the wicked.

For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me.

My heart is in anguish within me.

The terrors of death have fallen upon me.

Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.

And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove!

I would fly away and be at rest;

Yes, I would wander far away;

I would lodge in the wilderness;

I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest."

Destroy, O Lord, divide their tonques: for I see violence and strife in the city.

Day and night they go around it on its walls.

and iniquity and trouble are within it;

Ruin is in its midst:

oppression and fraud do not depart from its marketplace.

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;

It is not an adversary who deals insolently with me then I could hide from him.

But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.

We used to take sweet counsel together: within God's house we walked in the throng.

Let death steal over them; let them go down to Sheol alive;

For evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart.

But I call to God.

And the Lord will save me.

Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,

and he hears my voice.

He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me.

Because they do not change and do not fear God.

God will give ear and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old,

My companion stretched out his hand against his friends:

He violated his covenant.

But I will trust in you.

His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was in his heart;

His words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords.

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;

He will never permit the righteous to be moved. But you, O God, will cast them down into the pit of destruction;

Men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days.

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 # 261 - What Wondrous Love Is This



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: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to thy promise declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we, being defended from fear of our enemies, may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. 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.



† FIRST READING 1 Kings 21:1-23 † SECOND READING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Exodus 20:15

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Eighth Commandment Pastor Jay Barfield

Luke 19:1-10

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

30 - Our God, Our Help in Ages Past



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

248 - Ah, Holy Jesus (vv. 1-2) Passing of the Bread # 248 - Ah. Holv Jesus (vv. 3-5) Passing of the Wine

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

† CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism

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Q: What is thy only comfort in life and death?

A: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.



† BENEDICTION

‡ DOXOLOGY

[†] The congregation will please stand

[‡] With hands uplifted

Notes

Announcements

CHURCH FUNCTIONS

- Wednesday night prayer meeting at 5:45
- Second Sunday Lunch: March 13

NURSERY WORKERS

- Today
 - Hunters (Sunday School)
 - Elise & Sarah Grete (Worship)
- Next Week
 - Forsters (Sunday School)
 - M. Willoughbys (Worship)

GENERAL

- A wedding shower for Rachel and James will be held March 12th, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Fran and Steven Nixon.
- In connection with 40 Days for Life, there will be a prayer vigil at the abortion clinic in Fondren on March 4. But unlike previous years, people should come throughout the day this time.





EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 28, 2016

9:00 AM Sunday School and 10:30 AM Worship