

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 15, 2017

Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Reception of New Members

Hymn No. 359

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (verse 1)

Scripture for Meditation

Lamentations 3:22-23

Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Silent Prayer

God Calls Us Into His Presence

† Salutation and Responsive Scriptures

Pastor: We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Matthew 28:19

Pastor: The LORD be with you!

People: And also with you!

Ruth 2:4

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

† Call to Worship

Psalms 147:1

We Respond to God's Call

†* Hymn of Praise, No. 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

† Prayer of Adoration

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession

Hosea 14:1

Return to the LORD your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.

Confession of Sin

(congregation kneels, as able)

All: Heavenly Father, we bow our knees before You, and we confess that too often we have forgotten that we are Yours. Sometimes we live as if there were no God, and we fall short of being a credible witness for You. For these things we ask Your forgiveness, and we also ask for Your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may be witnesses for You in our world. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to glorify You in our thoughts, words, and deeds. [silent prayer of confession] Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

Hosea 14:4

I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, for My anger has turned away from him.

We Respond to God's Declaration

† The Gloria Patri

(with hands lifted)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.*

†* Hymn of Praise, No. 498

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-7

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 21:1-4; 22:1-5

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

† **Psalm 124, Hymn No. 614**

Now Israel May Say, and That in Truth

† **Gospel Lesson**

John 5:1-18

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

(Gospel of John, 16)

"Healing and Hostility"

We Respond to God's Instruction

† **Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his 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 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living 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.

† **The Prayer of the Church**

(When the pastor says, "God of all mercies," the congregation responds, "**Hear our prayer.**")

Tithes and Offerings

† **Doxology, No. 731**

(with hands lifted)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

God Communes With Us at His Table

† Sursum Corda

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

† Prayer of Thanksgiving (with Sanctus and the Lord's Prayer) † Sanctus

sung in unison

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts,
Bless - ed is he who comes
5 heav'n and earth are full of your Glo - ry. Ho -
in the name of the Lord.

9 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

† The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

The Communion

Eucharistic Meditation and Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of Bread: Hymn No. 420 (hymnal insert)

Distribution of Wine

(Outermost ring of cups contain grape juice; all others contain wine)

We Respond to God's Gift

† Hymn of Commitment, No. 546

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

God Commissions Us to Go Into the World

† Charge † Benediction

We Respond to God's Charge

† **Threefold Amen, No. 740**

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