

September 5, 2021

* = All who are able please stand.

boldface = congregation participates

Before the service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

Service for the Worship of God



Our Mission is to be a
community of disciples
with a heart for God
and hands to help others.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Not one of us is worthy to approach you, O God, Creator of the universe, holy and all-powerful. Yet you have approached us and have shown us the human face of your love in Jesus, your Son. May this time of worship be a true reflection of our thanksgiving, wonder and praise over such a blessing. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

PRELUDE: (9:00) *You Are My All in All*

arr. Jerry Ray

(11:15) *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

People: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers; God upholds the orphan and the widow.

People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN #610 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

1 O for a thousand tongues to
sing my dear Redeemer's
praise, the glories of my God
and King, the triumphs of
God's grace!

2 The name of Jesus charms
our fears, and bids our sor-
rows cease, sings music in
the sinner's ears, brings life,
and health, and peace.

3 Christ speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive; the mournful
waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

4 My gracious Master and my God, assist
me to proclaim, to spread through all the
earth abroad the honors of thy name

5 To God all glory, praise, and love be
now and ever given by saints below and
saints above, the church in earth and
heaven.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of favor, we have not been true to you. You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have dishonored them. You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have favored the rich and despised the poor. We have dismissed the needy with empty words. Soften our hearts and make straight our ways. Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The mercy of our God triumphs over judgment through our glorious Jesus Christ,
People: who has pleaded our cause, forgiven our sin, healed our sickness and delivered us from evil. Alleluia! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Mark 7:24-30

²⁴From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE: Mark 7:31-37

³¹Then Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: *Changed Minds*

Responding to the Word

***HYMN #624** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

1 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

2 Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place: So
come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

3 Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength re-
ceive; Sustain us by thy faith and by thy
power, and give us strength in every trying
hour.

4 Thou hast the true and perfect gentle-
ness; no harshness hast thou and no bitter-
ness. O grant to us the grace we find in
thee, that we may dwell in perfect unity.

5 Our hope is in no other save in thee; our
faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and
sure, that in thy strength we evermore en-
dure.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***DOXOLOGY**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN #686** *God of Our Life*

1 God of our life, through all the circling
years, we trust in thee. In all the past,
through all our hopes and fears, thy
hand we see. With each new day, when
morning lifts the veil, we own thy mer-
cies, Lord, which never fail.

2 God of the past, our times are in thy
hand. With us abide. Lead us by faith to
hope's true promised land. Be thou our
guide. With thee to bless, the darkness
shines as light, and faith's fair vision
changes into sight.

3 God of the coming years, through paths
unknown we follow thee. When we are
strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our ref-
uge be. Be thou for us in life our daily
bread, our heart's true home when all our
years have sped.

Going Forth to Serve

*BLESSING

RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION – *In my Life Lord, Be Glorified

POSTLUDE: (9:00) *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*
(11:15) *Immortal, Invisible*

arr. Lani Smith
arr. Todd Kendall

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Holly Kost (9am), Wendy Borke (11:15am) Readers
Lauren Cochran, Pastor
Dylan Rehm, Chancel Choir & Handbell Director
Darlene Richards, Organ
Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor