
ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Please rise as you are able as designated by *

✠ GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD ✠

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

* THE GREETING

(Additional seating may occur at this time.)

* HYMN #61

Come, Thou Almighty King

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us make a joyful noise in praise of God!

We come to sing of God's mighty deeds!

Come, let us give thanks for God's gift of Jesus Christ!

We come to receive Christ's gracious love!

Come, let us worship in the power of the Spirit!

To God be the glory, forever and ever!

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THE GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. James M. Wilson

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding. Pour into our hearts genuine love for you that we may be faithful and obedient to your purposes. We confess that so often we become distracted and worried by many things and fail to spend time with you. In these moments, help us to be still and to listen for your voice, to take time to receive what you would give us. So strengthen us in your love and presence that we may be visible signs of your love to all we meet, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

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✠ HEARING GOD'S WORD ✠

THE EPISTLE LESSON (NT, PG 188)

Colossians 1: 1-14

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:30)

All children (ages 3 years to 4th grade) are welcome to participate in children's church activities following the Children's Message.

(Additional seating may occur at this time.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lamb of God

Twila Paris

Kathy Ochenrider and Tom Fox, duet; Robin Fox, piano

CALL TO PRAYER; SILENT PRAYER; MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #432

Jesu, Jesu

* THE GOSPEL LESSON (NT, PG 67)

Luke 10: 25-37

THE SERMON

"Lived Love"

Rev. Cynthia Anderson

"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers? He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"

Luke 10: 36-37

✠ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD ✠

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

#882 APOSTLES' CREED, ECUMENICAL VERSION

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #70 - Meineke

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.

CALL TO PRESENT TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, giver of all we are and all we have, we offer these gifts to you out of the abundance you have bestowed upon us. Give us a perpetual spirit of gratitude for your gracious love, and bless us and these gifts to your service. We offer ourselves and our gifts in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

✠ SENDING FORTH TO WITNESS ✠

* HYMN #2130 (TFWS)

The Summons

* BENEDICTION

Go to live in the freedom God offers!

We go to live in the power of the Spirit!

Go to listen for the voice of Christ!

We go to be faithful disciples of Jesus!

Go in the unending grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and may the peace of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, go with you now and always!

And also with you! Amen!

POSTLUDE

Today's Floral Arrangement is given by Ron and Carolyn Schneider in celebration of Ron's mother, Ethel Schneider's 96th birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
