

# Lord’s Day Worship

## A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

May 15, 2022

#### PRELUDE

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Quiet our minds, O God, and gladden our hearts; that, as we come together to worship you, we may draw near to your presence and find that this place is indeed the very gate of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## GOD CALLS US

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 84:1-2, 4*

#### †HYMN OF PRAISE

*"O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely" (Psalm 84).....* Selection 371

#### †SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE

Pastor: We gather to worship in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People: Amen!**

The LORD be with you!

**And also with you!** Ruth 2:4

Keep us, O LORD, as the apple of your eye;

**Hide us in the shadow of your wings!** Ps. 17:8

For we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God.

**When the Christ who is our life appears,** Col.  
**we also will appear with him in glory. Alleluia!** 3:3-4

Let us pray together:

**Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in him: raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may ever seek the things which are above, where our Lord Jesus reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

## GOD CLEANSSES US

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Have mercy on us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*+Silent Prayer of Confession+*

**Amen.**

#### †DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Now lift up your heads, and hear these words of comfort and good news from the Scriptures...

*"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.'"*

*John 11:25*

Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins; wherefore as Christ's minister and by his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

†“*Doxology*”..... Selection 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### PRAYING FOR OUR DEPARTING BROTHER & SISTERS IN CHRIST

Nathan, Bella & Clementine Barlow

Pastor: Nathan, Bella & Clementine, as you go from this place, go with our love, our prayers, and our blessing.

**People: Almighty Father, keep, preserve, and protect Nathan, Bella & Clementine all their days. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may they be salt of the earth and light to the world, following always in the way of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen King, in whom we share eternal and unbroken fellowship; now and forever, world without end. Amen!**

#### *Pastoral prayer*

Pastor: Nathan, Bella & Clementine: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. And the blessing of Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, remain with you now and forevermore.

**People: Amen!**

#### †HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken".....* Selection 345

## GOD CONVERSES WITH US

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING..... Psalm 48

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

#### EPISTLE READING..... Ephesians 4:4-16

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

#### †GOSPEL READING..... Matthew 16:13-20

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

#### †We Respond by Confessing Our Faith..... *The Nicene Creed*

**I 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 is seated on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I 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 worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

#### †“*Gloria Patri*”..... Selection 735

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.

#### SERMON TEXT..... Mark 3:7-19

*"Jesus Established the Church (On Purpose)".....* Pastor Josh Anderson

## GOD COMMUNES WITH US

#### †COMMUNION HYMN

*"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star".....* Selection 515

#### †The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

Pastor: It is indeed right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, in union with the saints who have gone before us and the whole church on earth, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord Most High!**

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Prayer of Preparation & Faith

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your steadfast love, which endures forever. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Father, to partake of the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ, that we may grow into his likeness, and evermore abide in union with him, and he with us. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

‡Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Wine

Pastor: Let us confess the mystery of our faith:  
All: Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!

GOD COMMISSIONS US

†Prayer of Dedication

All gracious God, who of your infinite love gave your only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and rise again for our justification, and have made us partakers of your divine nature through the gift of the Holy Spirit; accept the fruits of our labors which we now present to you in this offering and also our very selves as we stand before you; and hear us as we pray as your Son taught us: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!

†Hymn of Praise

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name! (Verses 1-3, 5-6) . . . . . Selection 296

†Pastoral Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

People: Amen!

†Those who are able are invited to stand.

Mark 3:7-19

[7] Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea [8] and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. [9] And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, [10] for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. [11] And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.” [12] And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

[13] And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. [14] And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach [15] and have authority to cast out demons. [16] He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); [17] James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); [18] Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, [19] and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.



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