

# Lord’s Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

PENTECOST SEASON

July 17, 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

*Psalms 95:1-2*

†HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* ..... Selection 53

†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

Into your hand I commit my spirit,

For you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, faithful God. Ps 31:5

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

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

Let us pray together:

O God, who declares your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and love; give unto us your grace with such abundance, that we, running to your promises, may be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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...

*"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."*

*Isaiah 1:18*

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!

## GOD CONVERSES WITH US

OLD TESTAMENT READING ..... Lamentations 3:1-33

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING ..... Hebrews 12:3-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

†GOSPEL READING ..... Matthew 11:25-30

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†HYMN OF PRAISE

*“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” (Psalm 23)* ..... Selection 85

†We Respond by Confessing Our Faith ..... *Heidelberg Catechism #1*

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

A: My only comfort in all things is that I am not my own, but belong: body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. 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 ..... Lamentations 3:19-27, 31-33

*“Living A Life Of Lament”* ..... Rev. Jeff Prager

## GOD COMMUNES WITH US

†COMMUNION HYMN

*“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”* ..... Selection 610

†The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

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  
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” . . . . . Selection 598

†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.

Lamentations 3:19-27, 31-33

[19] Remember my affliction and my wanderings,  
the wormwood and the gall!  
[20] My soul continually remembers it  
and is bowed down within me.  
[21] But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:  
  
[22] The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;  
[23] they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
[24] “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”  
  
[25] The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul who seeks him.  
[26] It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.  
[27] It is good for a man that he bear  
the yoke in his youth.  
  
[31] For the Lord will not  
cast off forever,  
[32] but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
[33] for he does not afflict from his heart  
or grieve the children of men.



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