

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements – Annual Meeting

GATHERING

Welcome

from Isaiah 9:2, Matthew 5:14,16

L The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
C Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.
L Jesus said: We are the light of the world.
C Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #423)

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun"

Worship from the Psalms

(from Psalm 27:1-9)

L The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
C The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
L When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh,
C My adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall.
L Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
C Though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
L One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
C To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
L For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
C He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.
L Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
C And I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
L Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
C "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
L Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.
C Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.
L Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

*Profession of Faith

L ...Let us profess our faith together in the Apostle's Creed...

**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 and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come 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

Installation

Congregational Vows

Prayer of Installation

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**

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn (Blue #343)

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, forgive us when we do not live lives of discipline and compassion, order and humility. Forgive us when we expect you to offer us grace and forgiveness, and we do not offer the same grace and forgiveness to others. Forgive us when we refuse the call to serve others as you have served us. By your Holy Spirit, work within our hearts and wills. Grow our compassion and extend our ministry to those in need. Implant a gracious and forgiving nature within us, so we might promote peace and reconciliation. Remind us when we serve others, we find You among them, and so find more of You.

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon

(from Psalm 27)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Special Music

"Christ Our Wisdom"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God[a] that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Message

Prayer of Affirmation

Bruce Brown

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #148)

"At The Name of Jesus"

Call to the Body of Christ

- L There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
- C There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**
- L God works through each person in a unique way, through which God's purposes are accomplished.
- C To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**
- L Together we are the body of Christ, and individually we are members of it.
- L We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit ...