

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements – Minute for Mission

GATHERING

Welcome

from Matthew 11:28-29

L Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

C Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

L For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #261)

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

Worship from the Psalms

(from Psalm 145:1-9, 17-21)

L I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

C Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

L Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

C One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

L They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

C They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

L They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

C The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

C The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

L The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

C He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

L The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

C My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and mercy, forgive us when your grace and mercy make us uncomfortable. We want to be worthy of your goodness; we want to earn your everlasting love. Forgive our pride and self-righteousness. Help us to learn humility and gentleness from you. Remind us that your grace always comes first, and we respond by willingly and joyfully showing our gratitude for your mercy. This mercy is a gift to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Thank you for your wonderful gift of undeserved grace and help us live as redeemed and reconciled servants of Jesus, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon

(Ephesians 1:2-3, 7-8a)

*Responsive Hymn (Blue, #319, chorus)

“Spirit”

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Special Music

“The Lord is Gracious and Compassionate”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 42:1-4

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases,

yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

James 3:13-18

Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. This is not wisdom

that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Message

Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #387)

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*Offering Prayer

Our offering is received in the offering plate on the back table in the sanctuary.

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:

Lord, in your gentleness,

Please respond,

Hear our prayer.

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 #275)

“God of our Life”

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

'The Lord Is Gracious And Compassionate' by Vineyard Worship featuring Marc James, Wendy O'Connell & Marika Siewert.

Lyric version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjCyib5rMQ4>

Performance version: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CIIG_eF2vY

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And the Lord is good to all
He has compassion for all that he has made

As far as the east is from the west
That's how far he has removed
our transgressions from us

Praise the Lord, oh my soul
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