

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Welcome *from Galatians 5:1,23,25*

L For freedom Christ has set us free.

C **Now we live by the Spirit of God.**

L The fruit the Spirit brings us is:

C **Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #229) *“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”*

Worship from the Psalms *Psalms 77:1-2,11-20*

L I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me. In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;

C **In the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.**

L I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

C **I will meditate on all your work and muse on your mighty deeds.**

L Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

C **You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.**

L With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

C **When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.**

L The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

C **The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.**

L Your way was through the sea, your path through the mighty waters, yet your footprints were unseen.

C **You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you free us to live in unity with you. But our fear tries to bind us, our idolatry comes chasing after us, and the divisions between us keep us locked away from one another. We confess all ways we continue to be enslaved to sin and do not enjoy the freedoms you give your children. Inspire us to live in the freedom you have given us for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. You set us free. Give us the courage to enjoy your freedom. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music *“Come, Follow Me”*

Sermon Text Reading *2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14, Luke 9:51-62 (NRSVUE)*

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Message Bruce Brown
Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #101) *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

*Offering Prayer

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

Lord in your mercy,
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 (Red #269) *“Jesus Calls Us”*

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

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CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NORTHCREST NURSING HOME: Harold Badertscher **VANCREST:** Dollie Smith
BROWNING MASONIC: Connie Cobb **ALPINE VILLAGE:** Sandy Johnson
PRAYER LIST: Gene & Carol Detmer, Joe & Linda McOscar, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens
(Jana Schroeder’s sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall’s father and mother),
Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek’s Wife)

Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



Next Sunday, July 6th is a **communion Sunday**.

Bruce will be a counselor at **Camp Rejoice**, leaving after worship on July 6th and back sometime on Sunday, July 13th.

Together We Can Make a Difference especially needs child sized toothbrushes, and still needs baby wipes, baby shampoo, child sized diapers, and whatever food that can be donated.

Our **Card of the Week** goes to Connie Cobb, who is at the Browning Masonic Home.

Come Follow Me

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLbLPNtwRts>

Chorus:

Come, follow me and live;
Do not be afraid.
Believe and trust in me;
Your faith will give your strength.
Leave all your fears behind you;
Let your heart be free,
For I will be your guide.
Oh, come and follow me.

Come, follow in these footsteps;
I'll lead you gently home.
No shelter, food and money
Will you need upon this road.

Come, walk across the water;
Place all your faith in me.
Cast all your doubts behind you
To the wind and raging sea.

If you remain within me,
My words remain in you.
Whatever you ask of me,
That is what I will do.

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Jesus Calls Us

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852

GALILEE: 8. 7. 8. 7.
William H. Jude, 1887

1. Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult Of our life's wild, rest-less sea,
2. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the vain world's gold-en store,
3. In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
4. Je - sus calls us: by Thy mer - cies, Sav - iour, may we hear Thy call,

Day by day His sweet voice sound-eth, Say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol - low Me."
From each i - dol that would keep us, Say - ing, "Chris-tian, love Me more."
Still He calls, in cares and pleas-ures, "Chris-tian, love Me more than these."
Give our hearts to Thine o - be-dience, Serve and love Thee best of all. A-MEN.

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