

OPENING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 1:1-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning . All things were made through him. Of everything that has been created, not one was created without him. In him was life, and the life was the light of people.

Let's join together heart and voice to worship the Lord, our God.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let's pray.

Blessed are you, our Lord and our God. With your word, creation came into existence. With your word, people were introduced into the world. With your word, we are numbered as sheep of your pasture and called into your presence. Receive from us this time of worship, and the fullness of our praise and our prayers.

Hear us, we pray, as we gather in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying, **"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."**

*** HYMNS/MUSIC OF PRAISE**

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with those who are near you, and with others who are online.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lamentations 3:1-3

I am the one who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; surely against me he turns his hand again and again the whole day long.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lamentations 3:21-25

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

Friends, believe the Good News.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*** RESPONSE #705**

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM/MUSIC

*** DOXOLOGY #707**

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*** HYMNS/MUSIC**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let's pray.

Help us, we pray, to receive your Word. The world is filled with chaos that makes it difficult to see your work. The world is filled with noise that makes it difficult to hear your voice. The world is filled with distractions that make it easy to wander away from you. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Focus our lives that we may live, now and always, for your glory. We ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE #1:

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

¹ The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

¹ I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

² **And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may read who reads it."** ³ For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end – it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE #2:

2nd Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of **Christ Jesus** by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in **Christ Jesus**, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and **Christ Jesus our Lord**.

³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ **I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.** ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in **Christ Jesus** before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of **our Savior Christ Jesus**, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, **in the faith and love** that are in **Christ Jesus**. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

SERMON:

Draw Near to the Family of God

*“I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first
in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now,
I am sure, dwells in you as well.”
(2nd Timothy 1:5)*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*** CLOSING HYMNS/MUSIC**

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**