

A Service of Covenant Renewal

PRELUDE

Habakkuk 2:20: But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. We encourage you to use the prelude as a time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 95:1-2, 4-6 & Proverbs 2:6 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 our thanks and praise. Let us worship the Triune God.

*OPENING HYMN: No. 122, "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

*GREETING:

From where does our help come? From the LORD, the creator of the heavens and the earth.

Receive God's Greeting. "To all who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen."

*PRAYER/INVOCATION

THE LORD CLEANSES US IN HIS SON

CALL TO REPENTANCE: Proverbs 3:5-7

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Leader: Heavenly Father, you instruct us in your Word to "trust in the Lord with all our hearts, and lean not on our own understanding." You tell us not to be "wise in our own eyes," but rather, to "fear the Lord and shun evil." (Proverbs 3:5, 7)

All: We confess that we are half-hearted in our trust and often lean more on our own understanding than yours. We act as though we are wiser than you and are prone to indulge in evil rather than shun it.

Leader: You tell us in your word that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. . . . For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." (*Proverbs 1:7; 2:6*)

All: We confess that rather than pursuing the gift of your pure wisdom, we are often content to settle for mere earthly wisdom. We do not fear you, but have become lukewarm and show contempt for your commands. Apart from your grace, we are fools who despise your mercy. Heavenly Father, heal our wayward and arrogant hearts, and grant us your wisdom.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS: John 3:16-17

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 236, "When His Salvation Bringing"

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER: Linnea Geddes

*PROFESSION OF FAITH: <u>The Nicene Creed</u> (page 846 in red Trinity Hymnal)

*HYMN: No. 355, "We Are God's People"

THE LORD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD

*THE GRACE OF GOD'S LAW: Galatians 5:16-26 *GLORIA PATRI: No. 734 COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS CONGREGATIONAL PETITIONS OLD TESTAMENT: Proverbs 15:1-9 NEW TESTAMENT: James 3:13-18 SERMON: Wisdom for the Road Ahead

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

MEANING AND FENCING OF THE TABLE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

BREAD: No. 242, "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

WINE: No. 565, "All for Jesus!"

*CLOSING HYMN: No. 263, "Lift High the Cross"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION *DOXOLOGY: No. 731 POSTLUDE