



LORD'S DAY | May 26, 2024

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:** taken from Psalm 27 and Psalm 89
(responsive - **Congregation in bold**)

*The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?*

**Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.**

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

**I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

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. 97, "[We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator](#)"

*GREETING:

From where does our help come?

From the LORD, the creator of the heavens and the earth.

*PRAYER/INVOCATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN HIS SON

CALL TO REPENTANCE: taken from Isaiah 30

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Gracious Father, we confess that we have desired too much for the comforts of the world, that we have loved the gifts more than the Giver. In your mercy, help us to see that we strive after shadows, but that you are the substance. We ask that you would blot out our sins; that you would receive Christ's worthiness for our unworthiness; his righteousness for our dead works, his glory for our shame.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

***PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS:** based on 1 John 4 and Job 19
(responsive - **Congregation in bold**)

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. I myself will see Him.

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:** No. 330, "[Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness](#)"

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

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

THE LORD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD

***THE GRACE OF GOD'S LAW:** [Romans 1:18-32](#)

***GLORIA PATRI:** [No. 734](#)

COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

CONGREGATIONAL PETITIONS

OLD TESTAMENT: [Proverbs 21:1-13](#)

NEW TESTAMENT: [James 5:13-20](#)

SERMON: *A Positive and Life-Giving Church*

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. 423, "[According to Thy Gracious Word](#)"

WINE: No. 56, "[When All Your Mercies, O My God](#)"

***CLOSING HYMN:** No. 705, "[I Know Whom I Have Believed](#)"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY: [No. 731](#)**

POSTLUDE