

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*“As God did not at first choose you because you were high,  
He will not now forsake you because you are low.” John Flavel*

### *God Calls Us to Worship Him*

#### **Call to Worship:**

***Psalm 118.1, 4, 14-15, 17***

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
For his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: Let those who fear the LORD say,  
“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song;  
He has become my salvation.

**People: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly....”**

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live,  
And recount the deeds of the LORD.

#### ***Prayer of Invocation***

#### ***Hymn of Praise: My Faith Has Found a Resting Place Trinity Hymnal #468***

My faith has found a resting place, / from guilt my soul is freed;  
I trust the ever-living One, / his wounds for me shall plead.

#### ***Refrain***

*I need no other argument, / I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died, / and that he died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves, / this ends my fear and doubt;  
a sinful soul, I come to him, / he'll never cast me out. ***Refrain***

My heart is leaning on the Word, / the written Word of God,  
Salvation by my Savior's name, / salvation thro' his blood. ***Refrain***

My great Physician heals the sick, / the lost he came to save;  
For me his precious blood he shed, / for me his life he gave. ***Refrain***

### *God Cleanses Us by His Grace*

#### **Conviction of the Gospel:**

***Romans 7.14-15, 19***

**For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ... For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.**

#### ***Confession of Sin***

#### **Comfort of the Gospel:**

***Romans 8.1-2***

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

#### **Consequence of the Gospel:**

***Romans 8.3-4***

**For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**

### *God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer*

#### **Hymn of Thanksgiving:**

***His Mercy Is More***

#### **Chorus**

*Praise the Lord / His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness / New every morn'  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more **Chorus**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more **Chorus**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more **Chorus**

#### **Prayer of Intercession**

\*Children dismissed to Little Church

### *God Counsels Us through His Word*

#### **Scripture Reading:**

***Romans 5.6-11***

#### **Sermon:**

***How Much More!***

### *God Communes with Us in the Sacrament*

#### **Profession of Faith**

***The Heidelberg Catechism***

Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

#### **Hymn of Preparation:**

***Jesus, Lover of My Soul***

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high;  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none;  
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
All my help from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
With the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
more than all in thee I find:  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name;  
I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am,  
thou art full of truth and grace.

#### **Sursum Corda:**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

### *God Commissions Us to Serve Him*

#### **Hymn of Response:**

***Jesus, Lover of My Soul  
Trinity Hymnal #508***

Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art;  
Freely let me take of thee;  
Spring thou up within my heart,  
Rise to all eternity.

#### **Benediction:**

***Numbers 6:24-26***

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.