THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thus the Lord helps us, not by leaving us a part of righteousness in our works, and by supplying part out of his loving-kindness, but by appointing Christ alone as the fulfillment of righteousness. (John Calvin)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: ***Psalm 31.23-24***

Leader: Love the LORD, all you his saints!
The LORD preserves the faithful
But abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.
People: Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
All you who wait for the LORD!

Greeting: ***2 John 3***

Leader: Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.
People: Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: ***Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul***
Trinity Hymnal #57

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Law: ***Matthew 22.35-40***

And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: ***Matthew 20.28***

"...the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Song of Thanksgiving: ***Compassion Hymn***

There is an everlasting kindness you lavished on us,
When the radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost.
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress,
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.

Chorus
What boundless love, what fathomless grace
You have shown us, O God of compassion.
Each day we live an offering of praise
As we show to the world Your compassion.

And with compassion for the hurting You reached out Your hand,
As the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again.
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears;
Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near. ***Chorus***

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary and gazed on Your face,
At the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace;
For surely You have borne our suffering and carried our grief,
As You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief. ***Chorus***

How beautiful the feet that carry this Gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need;
To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless, with the mercy of Christ. ***Chorus***

Prayer of Intercession: ***The 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Children dismissed to Little Church*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: ***Galatians 5.1-15***

Prayer of Illumination

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sermon: ***Free for What?***

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: ***The Heidelberg Catechism***

Q 86. We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good?

To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood. But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has done for us, and so that he may be praised through us. And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Hymn of Response: ***Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground***
Trinity Hymnal #518

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.