THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Grace stands in direct opposition to any supposed worthiness on our part. To say it another way: Grace and works are mutually exclusive. (Jerry Bridges)

Call to Worship: *Psalm 87.1-7*

Leader: On the holy mount stands the city he founded;
The LORD loves the gates of Zion
More than all the dwelling places of Jacob.
People: Glorious things of you are spoken,
O city of God.
Leader: Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon;
Behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush—
"This one was born there," they say.
People: And of Zion it shall be said,
"This one and that one were born in her";
For the Most High himself will establish her.
Leader: The LORD records as he registers the peoples,
"This one was born there."
People: Singers and dancers alike say,
"All my springs are in you."
Leader: Let's worship the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*
Trinity Hymnal #345

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Law: *Hebrews 12.1-2*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: *Hebrews 12.22-24*

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless | Trinity Hymnal #456*

Prayer of Intercession: *The Lord's Prayer*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
**Children dismissed to Little Church*

Hymn of Meditation: *A Debtor to Mercy Alone*

A debtor to mercy alone / Of covenant mercy I sing
I come with Your righteousness on / My humble offering to bring
The judgments of Your holy law / With me can have nothing to do
My Savior's obedience and blood / Hide all my transgressions from view

The work which Your goodness began / The arm of Your strength will complete
Your promise is yes and amen / And never was forfeited yet
The future or things that are now / No power below or above
Can make You Your purpose forego / Or sever my soul from Your love

My name from the palms of Your hands / Eternity will not erase
Impressed on Your heart it remains / In marks of indelible grace
Yes I, to the end will endure / Until I bow down at Your throne
Forever and always secure / A debtor to mercy alone

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: *Galatians 4.21-5.1*

Sermon: *Born Free*

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed: *The Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. 60. How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Hymn of Preparation: *By Faith (stanzas 1-4)*

By faith we see the hand of God / In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness / Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth / With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand / A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus
We will stand as children of the promise / We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done / We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day / When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death / And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go / In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news / In every corner of the earth ***Chorus***

Sursum Corda:

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Prayer of Adoration and Assistance

Invitation to the Table: *John 6.35*

Fencing of the Table: *1 Corinthians 11.27-32*

Words of Institution: *1 Corinthians 11.23-26*

Distribution

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Hymn of Response: *By Faith (stanza 5)*

By faith this mountain shall be moved / And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible / For all who call upon His name ***Chorus x 2***

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.