THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: ***Psalm 95.6-7***

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
People: Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
Leader: For he is our God,
People: And we are the people of his pasture,
And the sheep of his hand.

Greeting: ***Jude 1b-2***

Leader: To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.
People: And also to you.

Doxology: ***Psalm 103***
(Tune: #529 "Love Devine, All Loves Excelling")

Bless the Lord, my soul, my whole heart;
Ever bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, forget not;
All His mercies to proclaim.
Who forgives all thy transgressions;
Thy diseases all who heals;
Who redeems thee from destruction;
Who with thee so kindly deals.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: ***Our God, Our Help in Ages Past***
Trinity Hymnal #30

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: ***Hebrews 10.26-27, 31***

For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. … It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: ***John 10.11, 28-30***

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. … I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: ***Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting***

Jesus, I am resting, resting / In the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness / Of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee / As Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power / Thou hast made me whole.

Chorus
Jesus. I am resting, resting / In the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness / Of Thy loving heart.

O, how great Thy loving kindness / Vaster / broader than the sea,
O, how marvelous Thy goodness / Lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved / Know what wealth of grace is Thine.
Know Thy certainty of promise / And have made it mine. ***Chorus***

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus / I behold Thee as Thou art,
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless / Satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings / Meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings: Thine is love indeed.

Ever lift Thy face upon me / As I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus / Earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory / Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting / Fill me with Thy Grace. ***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*

Song of Meditation: ***Speak, O Lord***

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: ***Ecclesiastes 9.1-18***

Sermon: ***In His Hands***

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: ***The Heidelberg Catechism***

Q.26. What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth"?

That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son. I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

Hymn of Response: ***Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right***
Trinity Hymnal #108

Benediction: ***Numbers 6.24-26***