THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: ***Psalm 100.1-5***

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
People: Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Leader: Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
And his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
Leader: For the LORD is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
And his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***
Trinity Hymnal #529

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: ***Deuteronomy 6.5; Leviticus 19.18; Exodus 23.9; Proverbs 25.21-22***

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ... You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD. ... You shall not oppress a sojourner. You know the heart of a sojourner, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ... If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink, for you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: ***Romans 5.6, 8, 10***

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ... ...God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ... For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: ***O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!***
Trinity Hymnal #535

Hymn of Thanksgiving: ***He Will Hold Me Fast***

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus
He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast. ***Chorus***

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last. ***Chorus x2***

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: ***Luke 6.27-36***

Prayer of Illumination: ***based on Psalm 25.4-5***

Make us to know your ways, O LORD;
Teach us your paths.
Lead us in your truth and teach us,
For you are the God of our salvation;
For you we wait all the day long,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sermon: ***Love's Warfare***

Prayer of Application

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: ***Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries Restore***
Trinity Hymnal #352

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.