THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

"I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am."
(John Newton)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Psalm 65.1-4*

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
And to you shall vows be performed.
People: O you who hear prayer,
To you shall all flesh come.
Leader: When iniquities prevail against me,
You atone for our transgressions.
People: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
To dwell in your courts!
Leader: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
The holiness of your temple!
People: Let's worship the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee*
Trinity Hymnal #80

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: *Joel 2.12-14*

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: *Jeremiah 31.33-34*

"…I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough
For ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
Whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth
Is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all,
To love and follow him.

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *O Great God*

O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me

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 6.43-45*

Prayer of Illumination: *from 1 Peter 1.23-25*

Thank you, Holy Spirit, that we were born again through the imperishable seed of the living and abiding Word of God, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In these moments write its Truth even deeper within our hearts. Amen.

Sermon: *Heart Exam*

Prayer of Application

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: *The Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. 32. Why are you called a Christian?

Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

Hymn of Response: *Take My Life, and Let It Be*
Trinity Hymnal #585

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.