

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Faith is the word that describes the direction our feet start moving when we find that we are loved. (Frederick Buechner)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 67:1-7

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us
And make his face to shine upon us,
**People: That your way may be known on earth,
Your saving power among all nations.**
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you!
**People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
For you judge the peoples with equity
And guide the nations upon the earth.**
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you!
**People: The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.**

Greeting:

2 Thessalonians 1:2

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
People: And also to you!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
Trinity Hymnal #30 (stanzas 1-4, 7)

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!
Trinity Hymnal #535

Recognition of Graduates

Song of Reflection:

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

Refrain

He will hold me fast / He will hold me fast
For my Saviour 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

Refrain

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
’Til our faith is turned to sight / When He comes at last!

Prayer of Intercession:

The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Children dismissed to Little Church

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

John 21:1-19

Sermon:

Who Will You Follow?

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed:

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Hymn of Preparation:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Trinity Hymnal #457

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

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us as we share your heavenly meal. Nourish us with your grace so that we may be strengthened to do your work in this world. Grant that all who share the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, may be one in him and may remain faithful in love and hope. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Invitation to the Table:

Revelation 3:20

Fencing of the Table:

1 Corinthians 11:27-32

Words of Institution:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Distribution

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Song of Response:

Our God Will Go Before Us

Our God will go before us / And guide us by his presence
What confidence this promise is / We will never walk alone

Through unknown paths, through shadows / Our hearts fear not tomorrow
For every step his faithfulness / Is the truth that lights our way

Refrain

Our God will go before us / The Lord of Hosts is with us
O praise the one who leads us on / For his grace will bring us home

Though evil forms against us / All heaven will defend us
The gates of hell shall not prevail / For the battle is the Lord’s

Refrain

Now send us with your presence / And lead us on to heaven
Where songs of sorrow strain no more / And our every breath is praise
O let our every breath be praise

Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26