

A SERVICE OF THE WORD & SACRAMENT

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The Welcome & Announcements
The Prelude & Silent Preparation

-THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP-

The Salutation

Philippians 1:2

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1–5

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

² **Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!**

³ 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.**

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the LORD is good;
**his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Hymn #281

Rejoice the Lord is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King:
your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.

Refrain:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

2. Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above. *[Refrain]*

3. His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n. *[Refrain]*

4. He sits at God's right hand
'til all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet. *[Refrain]*

5. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home. *[Refrain]*

The Invocation & Prayer of Praise

-THE LORD ASSURES US OF HIS FORGIVENESS-

The Call to Confession

Romans 3:21-23

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

The Confession of Sin

- ❖ Silent Prayers of Confession
- ❖ General Prayer of Confession

Unison:

Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon you. Hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and our fellow humans. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Romans 3:24-26

²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Psalm #126B

When in His Might the Lord Arose

1. When in his might the Lord arose to set us free,
and Zion was restored from her captivity,
in transports then of joy and mirth
we praised the Lord of all the earth.
2. The nations saw with fear the might of God displayed,
when he at last drew near to give his people aid;
great things for us the Lord has wrought,
and gladness to our hearts has brought.
3. Again refresh us, Lord, with your reviving love,
and be your blessing poured in mercy from above;
by grace revive our hearts again,
as streams refreshed by copious rain.

4. Although with bitter tears the sower bears his seed,
when harvest time appears he shall be glad indeed;
for they that in the sowing weep
shall yet in joy and gladness reap.

The Prayer of the Church

1 Samuel 30:6

⁶And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

-THE LORD INSTRUCTS US FROM HIS WORD-

The Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:1-11

¹ Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? ² On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: ⁴ "To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. ⁵ O simple ones, learn prudence; O fools, learn sense. ⁶ Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right, ⁷ for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. ⁸ All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. ⁹ They are all straight to him who understands, and right to those who find knowledge. ¹⁰ Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, ¹¹ for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

The New Testament Reading

James 1:1-11

¹ James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. ² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. ⁹ Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

The Sermon

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How to Lack Nothing
James 1:5-8

Hymn #488

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

1. May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
live in me from day to day,
by his love and pow'r controlling
all I do and say.
2. May the Word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his pow'r.
3. May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in ev'rything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing:
this is victory.
5. May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.
6. May his beauty rest upon me
as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel,
seeing only him.

-THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS TABLE-

The Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Unison:

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
Who, for us and for our salvation,
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried:
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

- ❖ Words of Institution
- ❖ The Breaking of the Bread
- ❖ The Sharing of the Cup

-THE LORD DISMISSES US TO HIS SERVICE-

The Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Doxology

Hymn #226 (O the Deep, Unbounded Riches)

*O the deep, unbounded riches
of God deserve our praise!
How unsearchable his judgments,
how marvelous his ways!
For who his thoughts has fathomed,
or counsel to him giv'n?
And who could make a debtor
of God, the Lord of Heav'n?
For from and through and to him
are all things, now and then.
To Him be all the glory
forevermore. Amen.*

The *Postlude* (*Please stand if you are able). Scripture quotations taken from the ESV.

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