

Order of Worship for 9/19/21

10am CST

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The beautiful floral arrangement today is from Ron & Belinda Breit in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary on September 22nd.

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship.

Leader: The God of heaven has made his home on earth,

People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: Highest in all creation, he lives among the least,

People: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader: Come now all who thirst

People: and drink the water of life.

Leader: Come now all who hunger

People: and be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now all who seek

People: And be warmed by the fire of love.

Opening Prayer (all)

O God, Wisdom of the universe,
you bear the pain of your people.
Grant us the gift of wisdom,
that we may discern your way
and live justly and graciously
amid the struggles of this world. Amen.

Opening Hymn

O Word of God Incarnate
#327 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.
O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

2.
The church from You, dear Savior,
Received this gift divine,
And still that light is lifted
On all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
That, all life's voyage through,
Amid the rocks and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to You.

3.
O make Your church, dear Savior,
A lamp of purest gold
To bear before the nations
Your true light, as of old;
O teach Your wandering pilgrims
By this our path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
We see You face to face.

**Prayer of Confession
(all)**

O God, sometimes Your expectations are too difficult for us to accept. It's hard for us to give up control. It's hard for us to take the first step if we don't have the answers to all our questions. It's hard for us to risk all when so much of our lives is filled with uncertainty. Forgive us when we do not yield to You as Lord. Grant us courage to follow Your leading with confidence in Your promise to provide a way through even the most difficult situations. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Response

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (2x)
#2026 Sing the Faith

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

**First
Scripture Reading**

James 3:13-4:3 & 7-8a (p. 230)

Piano Solo

The Peace That My Savior Has Given (arr. Tedd Smith)

**Second
Scripture Reading**

Mark 9:30-37 (p. 45)

Sermon

Daring to Ask
Pastor David Comstock

Hymn

Blessed Jesus, At Your Word
#454 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.
Blessèd Jesus, at Your word
We are gathered all to hear You;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You;
By Your teachings true and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.

2.
All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
Till Your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded;
You alone to God can win us,
You must work all good within us.

3.
Glorious Lord, Yourself impart!
Light of light, from God proceeding,
Open now our ears and heart,
Help us by Your Spirit's pleading;
Hear the cry that we are raising;
Hear, and bless our prayers and praising.

**Offertory Call
& Offertory Music**

**Prayers of the People
& Lord's Prayer**

Closing Hymn

Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds
#412 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.
Eternal God, whose power upholds
Both flower and flaming star,
To whom there is no here nor there,
No time, no near nor far,
No alien race, no foreign shore,
No child unsought, unknown:
O send us forth, Thy prophets true,
To make all lands Thine own!

2.
O God of love, whose Spirit wakes
In every human breast,
Whom love, and love alone, can know,
In whom all hearts find rest:
Help us to spread Thy gracious reign
Till greed and hate shall cease,

And kindness dwell in human hearts,
And all the earth find peace!

3.
O God of truth, whom science seeks
And reverent souls adore,
Who lightest every earnest mind
Of every clime and shore:
Dispel the gloom of error's night,
Of ignorance and fear,
Until true wisdom from above
Shall make life's pathway clear!

4.
O God of beauty, oft revealed
In dreams of human art,
In speech that flows to melody,
In holiness of heart:
Teach us to turn from sinfulness
That shuts our hearts to Thee,
Till all shall know the loveliness
Of lives made fair and free!

5.
O God of righteousness and grace,
Seen in the Christ, Thy Son,
Whose life and death reveal Thy face,
By whom Thy will was done:
Inspire Thy heralds of good news
To live Thy life divine,
Till Christ has formed in all mankind
And every land is Thine!

Benediction

Postlude

Love Divine (arr. Tedd Smith)

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