

## **Order of Worship for 9/17/23**

10:00am CST

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### ***GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME***

#### ***RINGING OF THE BELL***

#### ***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

#### ***PRELUDE***

#### ***CALL TO WORSHIP***

One: People of God, bless the Lord,

**All: Bless God's holy name.**

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

**All: So great is God's steadfast love for us.**

#### ***OPENING PRAYER (all)***

**God, our source and our salvation, in love you made us and by love you have redeemed us. Make your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others, that in this life we may know your all-embracing compassion and that in the world to come we may receive the everlasting joy of fellowship you share with your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

#### ***\*OPENING HYMN #155***

Rejoice, the Lord is King

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
And triumph evermore:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 God's kingdom cannot fail,  
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 Rejoice in glorious hope!  
For Christ the Judge shall come  
To glorify the saints  
For their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)**

Gracious and loving God, you have lived for us - we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us. - we have not forgiven others. You have loved us - we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,  
All: **We are forgiven.**

**\*HYMN #579**

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Romans 14:1-12  
New Testament page 163

**SCRIPTURE LESSON –**

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

Matthew 18: 21-35  
New Testament Page 23

**SERMON**

Pastor TJ Shirley

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from the Confession of 1967

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for us when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #298**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of the mind;

And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
We would gladly trust God's word;  
And our lives reflect thanksgiving  
For the goodness of our Lord.

### ***RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***

#### ***OFFERTORY CALL & OFFERTORY MUSIC***

#### ***PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING***

#### ***\*DOXOLOGY #592***

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

#### ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER***

Hymnal p. 16

### ***SENT IN GOD'S NAME***

#### ***\*CLOSING HYMN #426***

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
In living echoes of Thy tone;  
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek  
Thine erring children lost and lone.

2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
The wandering and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
The precious things Thou dost impart;  
And wing my words, that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.

4 O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,  
Until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

5 O use me, Lord, use even me,  
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;  
Until Thy blessed face I see,  
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

#### ***\*BENEDICTION***

#### ***POSTLUDE***

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