

## Order of Worship for 9/3/23

10:00am CST

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*"The beautiful flower arrangement today from Jon Lyman, is in honor to, and in memory of, the Calvin Chancel Choir of the past. Their performances were beautiful, led by the incredible Dr. Adrian Lauritzen. Many of these choir members have passed on and are singing for OUR LORD in Heaven now. We are looking forward to our present choir, gaining in membership and providing us with beautiful music as our church family grows."*



*Photo taken sometime between 1965 and 1967*

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

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

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Sing a song of thanksgiving.  
**All: Declare God's wondrous deeds.**  
One: For the Lord dwells among the people;  
**All: the glory of God abides with us.**

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

**Almighty God, in the self-giving love of Christ you have revealed the path of salvation; give us courage to deny our selfish desire and bear the cross of discipleship, that we may live as those who have no fear of death and receive the joy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

#### **\*OPENING HYMN #473**

For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies.

Refrain:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light. (Refrain)

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight. (Refrain)

4 For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)

5 For Thy Church, that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love. (Refrain)

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

Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters. We have not been patient in suffering, nor have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil for evil and have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive us our sin, free us from fear of the power of evil, and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**\*HYMN #579**

Glory Be to the Father

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 16:21-28  
New Testament page 18

**SCRIPTURE LESSON –**

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

Romans 12: 9-21  
New Testament Page 162

**SERMON**

Pastor TJ Shirley

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the

dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE # 2171**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

1. Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love  
Where there is injury your pardon lord  
And where there's true faith in you
2. Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in live let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy
3. Oh master grant that I may ever seek  
So much to be consoled as a console  
To e understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul

***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 # 2241**

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

1. The spirit sends us forth to serve  
We go in Jesus name to bring glad tidings  
To the poor god's favor to proclaim
2. we go to comfort those who mourn  
And set the burdens free  
Where hope is dim to share a dream  
And help the blind to see
3. we go to be the hands of Christ,  
To scatter joy like seeds And all our days to cherish life  
To do the loving deed
4. Then let us go to serve in peace  
the gospel to proclaim god's spirit has empowered us

we go in Jesus name

***\*BENEDICTION***

***POSTLUDE***

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