

Order of Worship for 9/24/23

10:00am CST

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*The beautiful flowers today are in celebration of Reggie Rettinger's 75th
birthday on October 11th!*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens declare the glory of God!

All: The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

One: The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,

All: The night expounds God's knowledge without a word,

One: and yet their voices go out through all the earth.

All: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

OPENING PRAYER (all)

Holy God, Maker of heaven and earth, out of your great love for the world you sent us your beloved Son - but we sent him to his death. Have mercy on us, O Lord; forgive us, renew us, restore us so that we may be the people of your vineyard and bear good fruit for your holy realm; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #507**

I Come with Joy

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,

And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known:
We see and praise Him here,
We see and praise Him here.

5 Together met, together bound
We'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world,
We'll live and speak His praise,
We'll live and speak His praise.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)**

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a
fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with
choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day.
But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected
or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with
violence and injustice.

Forgive us we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin,
and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

***HYMN #576**

Gloria, Gloria

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7
Old Testament page 634

SCRIPTURE LESSON –

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

Matthew 21:33-46
New Testament page 24

SERMON

Pastor TJ Shirley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #289**

O God of Every Nation

1 O God of every nation,
Of every race and land,
Redeem the whole creation
With Your almighty hand;
Where hate and fear divide us
And bitter threats are hurled,
In love and mercy guide us
And heal our strife-torn world.

2 From search for wealth and power
And scorn of truth and right,
From trust in bombs that shower
Destruction through the night,
From pride of race and station
And blindness to Your way,
Deliver every nation,
Eternal God, we pray!

3 Lord, strengthen those who labor
That we may find release
From fear of rattling saber,
From dread of war's increase;
When hope and courage falter,
Your still small voice be heard;
With faith that none can alter,
Your servants undergird.

4 Keep bright in us the vision
Of days when war shall cease,
When hatred and division
Give way to love and peace,
Till dawns the morning glorious
When peace on earth shall reign
And Christ shall rule victorious
O'er all the world's domain.

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 #432**

Song of Hope
(Sung Twice)

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion* and *The Book of Common Worship (2018)*.

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