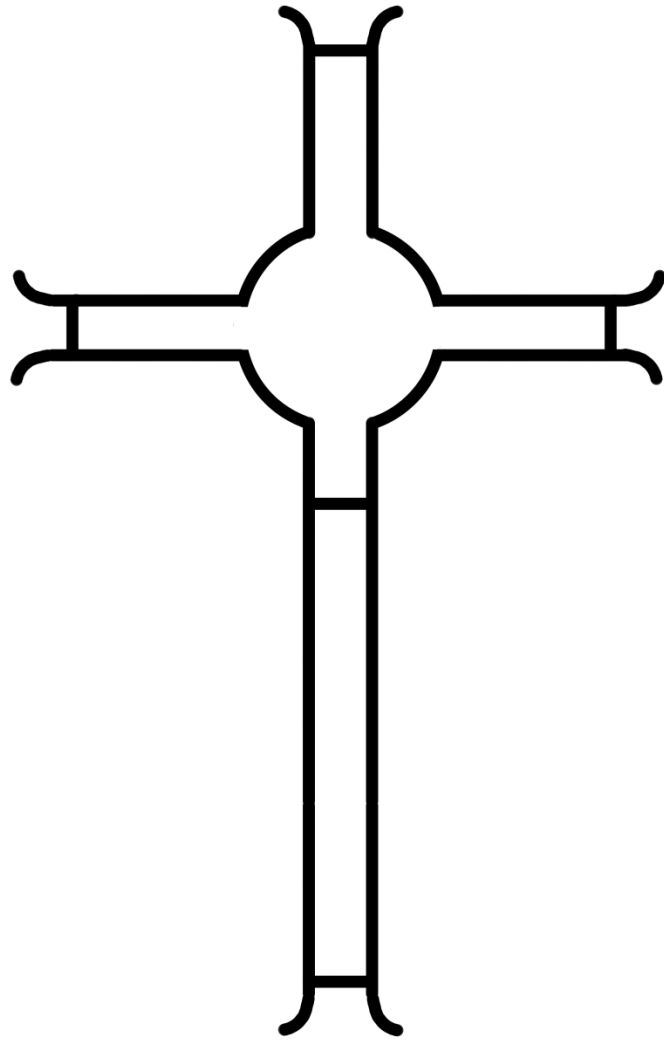


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Order of Worship for 2/25/24

10:00am CST

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*** Please rise in body/spirit | Congregational responses are in bold**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

All: And all the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord.

One: For dominion belongs to the Lord,

All: And the Lord rules over the nations.

One: Posterity will serve the Lord;

All: Future generations will be told about the Lord's mighty deeds.

OPENING PRAYER (all)

God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #488

The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days,
The God of Love!
The Lord, the great I Am,
By earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name,
Forever blest.

2 Your spirit still flows free,
High surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old
And You speak still.
Established is Your law,
And changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart,
On sea, or land.

3 You have eternal life
Implanted in the soul;

Your love shall be our strength and stay,
While ages roll.
We praise You, living God!
We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought,
And still the same!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)**

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

***HYMN #82**

O Lamb of God, Most Holy!

(Choir sings first verse, then congregation joins to sing first verse again)

1 O Lamb of God most holy!
Who on the cross didst suffer,
And patient still and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken,
Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!

2 O Lamb of God most holy!
Who on the cross didst suffer,
And patient still and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken,
Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!

3 O Lamb of God most holy!
Who on the cross didst suffer,
And patient still and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken,
Or hope had us forsaken:
Your peace be with us, Jesus!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Old Testament page 7

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

New Testament page 154

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Two Little Fishes and Five Loaves of Bread

SERMON

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*HYMN #344

Christ of the Upward Way

1 Christ of the upward way,
My Guide divine,
Where Thou hast set Your feet,
May I place mine;
And move and march wherever You have trod,
Keeping face forward up the hill of God.

2 Give me the heart to hear
Your voice and will,
That without fault or fear
I may fulfill
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,
Like one who would not bring less than the best.

3 Christ of the upward way,
My Guide divine,
Where You have set Your feet,
May I place mine;
And when Your last call comes serene and clear,
Calm may my answer be, "Lord, I am here."

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Morning Has Broken

Handbell Choir

*DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN #357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 Help us accept each other
As Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother,
Each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
And bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted
And meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons,
As in our daily life
We struggle to be human
And search for hope and faith
Teach us to care for people,
For all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them
Or as they may become.

3 Let Your acceptance change us,
So that we may be moved
In living situations
To do the truth in love;
To practice Your acceptance
Until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness
And laughter's healing art.

4 Lord, for today's encounters
With all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance,
For righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing,
New hands for holding on:
Renew us with Your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

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