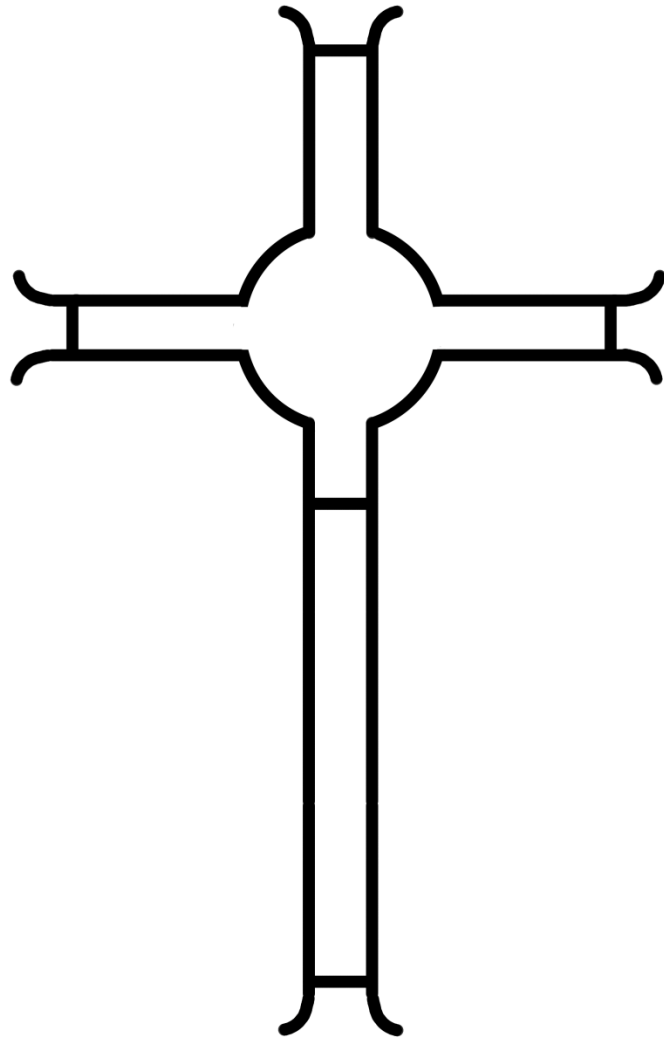


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Order of Worship for 3/3/24

10:00am CST

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

*Today's flowers are in celebration of Audrie Eckman's 90th birthday today, from her daughter
Michelle Hendrickson and family.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The law of the Lord is perfect,

All: reviving the soul;

One: The decrees of the Lord are sure,

All: making wise the simple;

One: The precepts of the Lord are right,

All: rejoicing the heart;

One: The commandment of the Lord is clear,

All: enlightening the eyes;

One: The fear of the Lord is pure,

All: enduring forever;

One: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All: They are more desirable than gold, and sweeter than honey. In keeping them is great reward.

OPENING PRAYER (all)

Gracious God, whose power is made perfect in weakness, whose wisdom appears as foolishness in this world, we thank you for the scandal of the cross. In Jesus Christ, you overturn all our usual ways of behaving and believing. You scatter our false notions of discipleship as easily as coins are spilled from a box. You correct our notions of piety and order with fierce passion. Do not let your church become content or contained as an institution. Raze to ruins what is distorted in us, and raise us to new life as a community so that we may be the body of Christ in and for the world. With fear and joy we ask this in Christ's name. 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)**

Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshipping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships - with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, led us out of slavery, and has brought us into the community of faith. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

***HYMN #82**

O Lamb of God, Most Holy!

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

Psalm 19

Old Testament page 498

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord

Old Testament page 66

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Pastor TJ Shirley

***HYMN #420**

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient Church's story,
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us,
Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways.
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places,
Gird our lives that they may be,
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
In the fight to set men free.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not man nor Thee,
That we fail not man nor Thee.

Save us from weak resignation,
To the evils we deplore.
Let the search for Thy salvation,
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that it is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn away from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **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.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Beatitudes" by Pulkingham

*DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

One: And so we sing with all the saints on earth
and all the angels in heaven:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest...

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again...

One: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and
honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 16

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION

(Gluten-free elements provided on stand in front.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN #87

The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glory of these forty days
We celebrate with songs of praise;

For Christ, by whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

2 Alone and fasting Moses saw
The loving God who gave the law;
And to Elijah, fasting, came
The steeds and chariots of flame.

3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
Delivered from the lions' might;
And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
The herald of Messiah's name.

4 Then grant that we like them be true,
Consumed in fast and prayer with You;
Our spirits strengthen with Your grace,
And give us joy to see Your face.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*, *Book of Common Worship* (2018), and *The Worshipbook* (1970).

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