

Order of Worship for 6/16/24

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: It is good to give thanks to the Lord

- All: To sing praise to God Most High;
- One: To declare God's steadfast love in the morning
- All: And God's faithfulness at nighttime.
- One: Those who are planted in the house of the Lord flourish;
- All: No matter their age, they bear fruit
- One: And remain lush and rest, proclaiming:
- All: The Lord is righteous! God is my Rock!

OPENING PRAYER (all)

God, Sower of seeds, be at work among us, we pray, that your church may thrive in faithfulness. It does not matter whether we are the size of a tall cedar or are a small sprig. You are able to put us to good use. Not by our efforts, but by your power and grace we bear fruit, producing boughs of spacious welcome. You can make even a dry tree flourish! Even we can become a new creation! Urge us on, O Lord, in the love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #361

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)

Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes - fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation; beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs; building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach our fullest height of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,

All: We are forgiven.

*RESPONSE #579

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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SERMON

*HYMN #357

1 O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly paths of service free; Tell me Thy secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love; Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee In closer, dearer company, In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

Glory Be to the Father

2 Corinthians 5:6-17 New Testament page 181 Mark 4:26-34 New Testament page 38

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

4 In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way; In peace that only Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master, let me live.

INSTALLATION OF ELDER VAL HAGAN

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

- One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
- All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.
- One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that it is accomplished.
- All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
- One: 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

*DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN #399

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear From Christ Who spoke as none e'er spoke; But we believe Him near.

2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod; But in His promise we rejoice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound To call on You when You are near And seek where You are found:

4 That, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light We may behold You as You are, With full and endless sight.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Book of Common Worship* (2018), and *Intergenerational Worship Resources* from the Uniting Church South Africa.

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