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## Order of Worship for 8/25/24

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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: The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

One: No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN #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.

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,

**All: We are forgiven.**

**\*HYMN #579**

Glory Be to the Father

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 34:15-22

Old Testament page 509

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Ephesians 6:10-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

New Testament page 195

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Pastor TJ Shirley

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From the Confession of 1967

**God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our lives: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes humanity's natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that God's purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from God's creation... With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #310**

Jesus the Very Thought of Thee

1 Jesus, the very thought of Thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see,  
And in Thy presence rest.

2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
Nor can the mind recall  
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,  
O Savior of us all.

3 O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!  
How good to those who seek!

4 But what to those who find? Ah, this  
Nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is,  
None but His loved ones know.

5 Jesus, our only joy be Thou,  
As Thou our prize will be;  
Jesus, be Thou our glory now,  
And through eternity.

**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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Merciful God;

All: **Hear our prayer.**

### SENT IN GOD'S NAME

#### \*CLOSING HYMN #447

Lead On, O King Eternal

1 Lead on, O King eternal,  
The day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest  
Thy tents shall be our home:  
Through days of preparation  
Thy grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King eternal,  
We lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,  
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper  
The sweet amen of peace;  
For not with swords' loud clashing,  
Nor roll of stirring drums;  
With deeds of love and mercy  
The heavenly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:  
We follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where'er Thy face appears;  
Thy cross is lifted over us;  
We journey in its light:  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
Lead on, O God of might.

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

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

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