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## Order of Worship for 9/15/24

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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: Look at the heavens!

**All: The are shouting the glory of God.**

One: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

**All: Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.**

One: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

**All: O Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of love, you teach us a life journey that calls us to deny what is unhealthy and unloving. Lead us in that pathway. Awaken us to the ever-new abundance that is ours through your Word, in the name of the one who died and rose, Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN #371

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
Your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

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

**Holy God, in the face of sin, our gravest enemy, we call to you for help. You know our fault before we speak. Forgive us for what we have done in opposition to your will. Forgive us for those things we have not undertaken and for which we know our wrong. We have not loved you and our neighbors as we ought. We have denied our dependence on you. Lead us away from this grief and sorrow. Save us so that we may fulfill our vows to you and attend to the needs of your people. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,

All: **We are forgiven.**

**\*HYMN #577**

Glory Be to the Father

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 3:1-12

New Testament page 230

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:27-38

New Testament page 43

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Pastor TJ Shirley

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From the Confession of 1967

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #335**

Though I May Speak

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,

And have not love, my words are vain;  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship and are freed.

## **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**

## **SENT IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #426**

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
In living echoes of Thy tone;  
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek  
Thine erring children lost and lone.

2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
The wandering and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
The precious things Thou dost impart;  
And wing my words, that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.

4 O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,  
Until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

5 O use me, Lord, use even me,  
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;  
Until Thy blessed face I see,  
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Book of Common Worship* (2018), and "The Blessing of the Backpacks" by Rev. Amanda Rohrs-Dodge.

