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## Order of Worship for 9/29/24

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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: Upon this gathering of your people,

**All: Pour out your Spirit, O Lord.**

One: Be near to us and speak to us,

**All: And we will proclaim your glory.**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of unquenchable fire and overflowing grace, cast out the demons that oppress us; take away the things that make us stumble. Lead us into your realm of life and season us with your peace; in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN #454

Blessed Jesus, At Your Word

1 Blessèd Jesus, at Your word  
We are gathered all to hear You;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear You;  
By Your teachings true and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love You solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
Till Your Spirit breaks our night  
With the beams of truth unclouded;  
You alone to God can win us,  
You must work all good within us.

3 Glorious Lord, Yourself impart!  
Light of light, from God proceeding,

Open now our ears and heart,  
Help us by Your Spirit's pleading;  
Hear the cry that we are raising;  
Hear, and bless our prayers and praising.

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

**God, our strength and savior, you know our great transgressions, our hidden faults, our secret sins. With our hands we grasp at power; with our feet we stumble into evil; with our eyes we look out for ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in your holy way of life and love and peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

Numbers 11:4-6; 10-16; 24-29

Old Testament page 129

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Mark 9:38-50

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament page 44

**SERMON**

Pastor TJ Shirley

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord, Jesus!"**

**\*HYMN #380**

O Christ, the Healer

1 O Christ, the healer, we have come  
To pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored,  
When reached by love that never ends?

2 From every ailment flesh endures  
Our bodies clamor to be freed;  
Yet in our hearts we would confess  
That wholeness is our deepest need.

3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires,  
How weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths  
Unconscious pride resists or shelves.

4 In conflicts that destroy our health  
We recognize the world's disease;  
Our common life declares our ills:  
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

5 Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
In Your community may find  
The wholeness that, enriching us,  
Shall reach the whole of humankind.

## **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**

We pray to you, O God.

**Hear our prayer.**

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

\*CLOSING HYMN #419

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,  
When once we heed Your call:  
To live according to Your word,  
And daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
That You are Lord of all  
And will not let us fall.

2 But if, forgetful, we should find  
Your yoke is hard to bear,  
If worldly pressures fray the mind  
And love itself cannot unwind  
Its tangled skein of care:  
Our inward life repair.

3 We mark Your saints, how they became  
In hindrances more sure,  
Whose joyful virtues put to shame  
The casual way we wear Your name,  
And by our faults obscure  
Your power to cleanse and cure.

4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,  
Together or alone,  
In old routines or ventures new,  
May we not cease to look to You--  
The cross You hung upon--  
All You endeavored done.

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

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

