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Order of Worship for 9/8/24

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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: Our merciful God, maker of us all, pleads the cause of the poor and afflicted.

All: Open our hearts to demonstrate God's grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Good and generous God, you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others, sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted, and receiving all who assemble in your name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality; in the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled,
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty power hath made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might,

Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away,
But through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

4 Thus, all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud Thy praises
That all may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)**

God of favor, we have not been true to you. You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have dishonored them. You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have favored the rich and despised the poor. We have dismissed the needy with empty words. Soften our hearts and make straight our ways. Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. 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

Psalm 146

Old Testament page 509

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 2:1-26

This is the Word of the Lord.

New Testament page 195

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Pastor TJ Shirley

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From the Westminster Confession of Faith

Good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify fellow believers, adorn the

profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life. Amen.

***HYMN #408**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of man.

2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.

3. From tender childhood's helplessness,
from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.

4. The cup of water given for you still
holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.

5. O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again.

6. Till all the world shall learn your love
and follow where your feet have trod,
till, glorious from your heaven above,
shall come the city of our God!

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: O Lord, plead our cause.

All: **Your name is good.**

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN #375

Lord of All Good

Lord of all good our gifts we bring to You
Use them your holy purpose to fulfil
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew
That our whole life is offered to your will

We give our mind to understand your ways
Hands eyes and voice to serve your great design
Heart with the flame of your own love ablaze
Till for your glory all our powers combine

Father whose bounty all creation shows
Christ by whose willing sacrifice we live
Spirit from whom all life in fullness flows
To thee with grateful hearts ourselves we give

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*.

