

Order of Worship for 10/6/24

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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: To our sisters and brothers we will tell of your glory:

All: O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

One: In the great congregation we will sing your praise:

All: O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Gather your church in unity, by your Holy Spirit, that it may manifest your power among all peoples to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #162

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is Your name. Your majesty surrounds the earth, and children sing Your fame.

The heavens shout Your handiwork, we stand beneath in awe, to think the One who made all things should care for us at all.

Yet You have made us less than gods, surpassing all but You; with heart and mind, with strength and will, to search for what is true.

Into our hands You've placed all things: the earth, the sea, each place; we're called to probe for secret gifts and venture into space.

O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is Your name, majestic in Your holiness; we sing and praise Your fame!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)

Gracious God, who made covenant with our ancestors, we gather here today as a rebellious people. We want to act out your intentions for us, but we get sidetracked by the false glitter of the world. You tell us to honor creation, but we use other people, animals, and plants for our own gain. You offer bread to every living creature, and we steal that bread from our brothers and sisters in the name of greed. You promise us new life, but we shrink back in fear, clinging to our death-dealing ways. Heal us, O Lord, lest we destroy ourselves and the planet. We need your presence among us, that your good intentions for all of creation might be fulfilled at last through Jesus Christ, we pray. 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 8

Old Testament page 492

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

This is the Word of the Lord. New Testament page 218

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor TJ Shirley

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Westminster Confession of Faith

Our Lord Jesus, in the night wherein he was betrayed, instituted the sacrament of his body and blood, called the Lord's Supper, to be observed in his Church unto the end of the world; for the perpetual remembrance of the sacrifice of himself in his death, the sealing all benefits thereof unto true believers, their spiritual nourishment and growth in him, their further engagement in and to all duties which they owe unto him; and to be a bond and pledge of their communion with him, and with each other, as members of his mystical body.

1 Here, O our Lord, I see Thee face to face, Here would we touch and handle things unseen, Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, And all our weariness upon You lean.

2 We have no help but Yours, nor do we need Another arm save Yours to lean upon. It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; Our strength is in Your might, Your might alone.

3 This is the hour of banquet and of song; This is the heavenly table for us spread; Here let us feast and, feasting, still prolong The fellowship of living wine and bread.

4 Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear. The feast, though not the love, is past and gone; The bread and wine remove; but You art here, Nearer than ever, still our Shield and Sun.

5 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by; Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

One: And so we sing with all the saints on earth

and all the angels in heaven:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest...

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again...

One: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory

and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal p. 16

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION (Gluten-free elements provided on stand in front.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN #474

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

1 O splendor of God's glory bright, From light eternal bringing light; Thou light of life, light's living spring, True day, all days illumining.

2 Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, Shower down Thy radiance from above, And to our inward hearts convey The Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

3 O joyful be the passing day With thoughts as clear as morning's ray, With faith like noontide shining bright, Our souls unshadowed by the night.

4 O Lord, with each returning morn Thine image to our hearts is born; O may we ever clearly see Our Savior and our God in Thee!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Liturgical resources from Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Resources for World Communion Sunday from the Presbyterian Mission Agency, and Book of Common Worship (1993) and (2018).

