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Order of Worship for 11/17/24

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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

"The Trusting Heart to Jesus Clings"

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.

All: Because we keep the Lord ever before us, we shall not be moved.

One: Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad! Let your spirits rejoice and your bodies rest secure.

All: For God does not give us up to death, but shows us the path of life. Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, creator of all that is and is to come, you made the world and called it good. We thank you and praise you, for we have wreaked havoc on your good creation, yet you promise to make all things whole and live among us in joy and peace. Keep us watchful for Christ's coming, enliven our hope, and support us through the birth pangs of your new creation, that we may welcome you with songs of praise. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #268

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

God, who stretched the spangled heavens,
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space,
we, your children, in your likeness,
share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.

We have conquered worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging

through uncharted realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose,
serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,
each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)**

God of grace, all around us are wars, and rumors of wars, and we are afraid for ourselves and our world. We follow after false leaders and grasp whatever security we can find. Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget that all of life is in your hands. Renew our hope, increase our courage, and keep us watchful for the signs of your just and peaceful reign that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,
All: We are forgiven.

***HYMN #2026**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (Sung Twice)

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 10:19-25

New Testament page 224

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 13:1-8; 24-31

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

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SERMON

Pastor TJ Shirley

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our

care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***HYMN #276**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"O Let Your Soul Now Be filled with Gladness"

"Thanks to God for My Redeemer"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***DOXOLOGY #592**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN #251**

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure
In all Your words, Your gracious deeds;
You gently lift all burdened souls
And well provide for all our needs.

The eyes of all are fixed on You;
By You their wants are all supplied;
Your open hand is bountiful
And every soul is satisfied.

Lord, You are just in all Your ways,
And kind in everything You do;
Forever near You stand to hear
And help all those who call on You.

My mouth shall speak Your praise, O Lord,
My soul shall bless Your holy name;
Let all things living join the song
Of praise, from age to age the same.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion* and *Book of Common Worship* (1993).

