

Order of Worship for 2/9/25

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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 Wonderful Words of Life

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, All: For they have heard the words of your mouth.

One: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for us;

All: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

One: Let us sing of the ways of the Lord,
All: For great is the glory of the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER (all)

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be light that shines in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Holy God, we praise Your Name; Lord of all, we bow before You; All on earth Your scepter claim, All in heaven above adore You. Infinite Your vast domain, Everlasting is Your reign.

2 Hark, the loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

3 All apostles join the strain
As Your sacred name they hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the blessed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name You, While in essence only One; Undivided God we claim You, And adoring bend the knee While we own the mystery.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)

O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve and deliver us. Though our lips are not clean and our hearts are not pure, you call us. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and at risk. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory and the purposes you intend. Help us to comprehend your ways in the world. We long to feel your grace and glory, for in you, Emmanuel, we can be healed and set free; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,

All: We are forgiven.

*HYMN #576 Gloria, Gloria

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

New Testament page 176

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 5:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord New Testament page 62

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. TJ Shirley

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Theological Declaration of Barmen

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through Christ befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures... The Christian church is the

^{*}PASSING OF THE PEACE

congregation of people in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

*HYMN #412

Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

1 Eternal God, whose power upholds Both flower and flaming star, To whom there is no here nor there, No time, no near nor far, No alien race, no foreign shore, No child unsought, unknown: O send us forth, Thy prophets true, To make all lands Thine own!

2 O God of love, whose Spirit wakes In every human breast, Whom love, and love alone, can know, In whom all hearts find rest: Help us to spread Thy gracious reign Till greed and hate shall cease, And kindness dwell in human hearts, And all the earth find peace!

3 O God of truth, whom science seeks And reverent souls adore, Who lightest every earnest mind Of every clime and shore: Dispel the gloom of error's night, Of ignorance and fear, Until true wisdom from above Shall make life's pathway clear!

4 O God of beauty, oft revealed In dreams of human art, In speech that flows to melody, In holiness of heart:
Teach us to turn from sinfulness That shuts our hearts to Thee, Till all shall know the loveliness Of lives made fair and free!

5 O God of righteousness and grace, Seen in the Christ, Thy Son, Whose life and death reveal Thy face, By whom Thy will was done: Inspire Thy heralds of good news To live Thy life divine, Till Christ has formed in all mankind And every land is Thine!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Blessed Assurance Medley

*DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN #147

Blessing and Honor

1 Blessing and honor and glory and power, Wisdom and and riches and strength evermore, Give we to Christ who our battle has won, Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

2 Hear through the heavens the sound of the Name, While rings the earth with Christ's glory and fame; Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower Echo these praises and tell of God's power.

3 Ever ascending the song and the prayer; Ever descending the love that we share; Blessing and honor and glory and praise--This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

4 Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb; Take we the robe and the harp and the palm; Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain, Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

He's Everything to Me

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

