

# Order of Worship for 2/16/25

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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** 

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

Baptized and freed, grounded in love,

Let us worship God.

**OPENING PRAYER** 

God of life, in Christ you resurrect all things. Raise us from death to life, that our transformation may bear witness to the power of your grace in our lives through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.

### \*OPENING HYMN #108

Christ is Alive!

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound To distant years in Palestine, But saving, healing, here and now, And touching every place and time.

3 Not throned afar, remotely high, Untouched, unmoved by human pains, But daily, in the midst of life, Our Savior in the Godhead reigns. 4 In every insult, rift and war, Where color, scorn or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, And lives, where even hope has died.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring Good news to this and every age, Till earth and sky and ocean ring With joy, with justice, love and praise.

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of judgment and renewal, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its root out toward water. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,

All: We are forgiven.

\*HYMN #576 Gloria, Gloria

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 17:5-10

Old Testament page 719

CHILDREN'S CHOIR Jesus Loves Me

This Land Is Your Land

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:12-26: 50-58

This is the Word of the Lord New Testament page 176

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. TJ Shirley

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as a person involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to humanity commutes the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of those in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on humankind's inhumanity to others and the awful consequences of humanity's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,

# the church sees the promise of God's renewal of humanity's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

\* HYMN #282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hopeful heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that nought can move.

2 Only be still, and wait God's leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure And all-discerning love hath sent; No doubt our inmost wants are clear To One who holds us always dear.

3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine own part faithfully; Trust the rich promises of grace, So shall they be fulfilled in thee. God never yet forsook at need The soul secured by trust indeed.

# **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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

\*CLOSING HYMN #106

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

\*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

Liturgical resources from Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion and Book of Common Worship (1993) and (2018).

