

Order of Worship for 7/13/25

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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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

CALL TO WORSHIP

Love the Lord your God,

With all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!

Love your neighbor as yourself,

With all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!

Do this and you will live! Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

Give your church, O God, the grace to serve you with courage, that our lives may be a witness to your compassion and our actions a testimony to your mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

* HYMN #457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art, My only trust and Savior of my heart, Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, Reigning omnipotent in every place: So come, O King, and our whole being sway; Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live, And all our substance and our strength receive; Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power, And give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness, No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness; O grant to us the grace we find in Thee, That we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in Thee; Our faith is built upon Thy promise free; Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy: We confess that we have failed to live as your beloved sons and daughters. We have set our minds on the things of this world, and we have neglected the inheritance of love you bestow upon your saints. We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business; we have harbored uncharitable thoughts toward our enemies and friends; we have avoided difficult responsibilities to our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, **We are forgiven**.

* HYMN #579

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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

SERMON

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The reconciliation of humanity through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples. The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations. The church calls every person to use their abilities, their possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to them by God for the maintenance of God's family and the advancement of the common welfare. It encourages those forces in human society that raises people's hopes for better conditions and provides them with

Luke 10:25-37 New Testament page 71 Amos 7:7-17 Old Testament page 855

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The Confession of 1967

Glory Be to the Father

opportunity for a decent living. A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.

* HYMN #367

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your love, Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, Silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

Neighbors are rich and poor, Varied in color and race, Neighbors are near and far away. (Refrain)

These are the ones we should serve, These are the ones we should love; All are neighbors to us and You. (Refrain)

Loving puts us on our knees, Serving as though we are slaves, This is the way we should live with You. (Refrain)

Kneel at the feet of our friends, Silently washing their feet, This is the way we should live with You. (Refrain)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

* DOXOLOGY#592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of Compassion, hear our prayer.

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

* CLOSING HYMN #408

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!

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.

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

O Master, from the mountain side, ake haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide, O tread the city's streets again;

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.

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Liturgical resources from Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion.

