



## Order of Worship for 8/10/25

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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

There is a Redeemer

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 82

God gives justice to the weak and the orphan;

**God rescues the weak and the needy.**

Blessed be the Lord;

**Blessed be the holy and living God, now and forever.**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of peace, your call, at times, appears to divide us from one another. Help us to overcome our fears and respond in courage. Give us faith to trust the unity that is beyond our sight. Give us eyes to recognize the signs before us. We ask this in the confidence of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN #461

God is Here!

1 God is here! As we Your people  
Meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure  
What it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
All our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit  
Into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us  
Of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit;  
Here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
Here in silence, as in speech,

Here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome  
In the Shepherd's flock and fold,  
Here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
Seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living  
To believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
In an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel,  
Help us work Your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
All we have to give, receive;  
We, who cannot live without You,  
We adore you! We believe!

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths that have led away from you. Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in your truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

\* HYMN #577

Glory Be to the Father

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Old Testament page 559

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 12:49-56

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

New Testament page 75

SERMON

Rev. TJ Shirley

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Theological Declaration of Barmen

**“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the body is joined and knit together.” The Christian Church is the congregation of the people in which Jesus Christ acts presently 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 Christ’s property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.**

\* HYMN #393

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

1 Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
If you would My disciple be;  
Take up your cross with willing heart,  
And humbly follow after Me.

2 Take up your cross, let not its weight  
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ’s strength shall bear your spirit up  
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame,  
And let your foolish heart be still;  
Thy Lord for you accepted death  
Upon a cross, on Calvary’s hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ’s strength,  
And calmly every danger brave:  
It guides you to abundant life  
And leads to victory o’er the grave.

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

\* DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

## **SENT IN GOD’S NAME**

\* CLOSING HYMN #388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel Thee near me!  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear Thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
To all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory  
There shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my friend.

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Shout To The North

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