



## Order of Worship for 8/31/25

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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

All I Once Held Dear

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to service,

**Rather than honor.**

God calls us to love the unknown,

**Rather than the familiar.**

We come to this time of worship,

**Trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,**

Who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

**Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Faithful God, in Jesus you show us a way of humility and hospitality with power to transform our world. Give us the grace to love those things that please you and the courage to live them to your glory. Amen.**

**\* HYMN #473** For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth,

For the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise,

This our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour

Of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light. (Refrain)

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight. (Refrain)

4 For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)

5 For Thy Church, that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love. (Refrain)

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray in Jesus' name. 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

Hebrews 13:1-16

New Testament page 227

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 14:1-14

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

New Testament page 77

SERMON

Rev. TJ Shirley

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and the renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the**

**Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

\* HYMN #426

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
In living echoes of Thy tone;  
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek  
Thine erring children lost and lone.

2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
The wandering and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
The precious things Thou dost impart;  
And wing my words, that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.

4 O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,  
Until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

5 O use me, Lord, use even me,  
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;  
Until Thy blessed face I see,  
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

\* 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 #313

Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love divine,  
Seek out this soul of mine  
And visit it with Your own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let Your glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illumining.

3 And so the yearning strong  
With which the soul will long  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess God's grace,  
Till Love creates a place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

It Is Well With My Soul

Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*.

