



## Order of Worship for 1/25/26

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### **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
**Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. Thanks be to God!**

OPENING PRAYER

**God, our light and our salvation, Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men. Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus, that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*HYMN #84

In the Cross Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me:  
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**\*HYMN #576**

Gloria, Gloria

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Old Testament page 360

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 4:12-23

This is the Word of the Lord

New Testament page 3

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Rev. TJ Shirley

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in 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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**\*HYMN #408**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. From tender childhood's helplessness,  
from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
your heart has never known recoil.

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

5. O Master, from the mountainside  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide;  
O tread the city's streets again.

6. 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!

## **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**

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

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

\* CLOSING HYMN #307

Fight the Good Fight

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might;  
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace,  
Lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face;

Life with its way before us lies,  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;  
God's boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear, God's arms are near;  
God changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
That Christ is all in all to thee.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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

