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## Order of Worship for 3/15/26

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### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

**Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!**

Once we lived in darkness, but now – as children of the light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

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#### OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, in order that the children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in all truth and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN #457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

5 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**

**Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**\*HYMN #579**

Glory Be to the Father

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Old Testament page 259

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 9:1-41  
New Testament page 102

**SERMON**

Rev. TJ Shirley

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from Philipians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

**\*HYMN #280**

Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

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

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

The Olive Press

#### **\*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 #380**

O Christ, the Healer

1 O Christ, the healer, we have come  
To pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored,  
When reached by love that never ends?

2 From every ailment flesh endures  
Our bodies clamor to be freed;  
Yet in our hearts we would confess  
That wholeness is our deepest need.

3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires,  
How weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths  
Unconscious pride resists or shelves.

4 In conflicts that destroy our health  
We recognize the world's disease;  
Our common life declares our ills:  
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

5 Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
In Your community may find  
The wholeness that, enriching us,  
Shall reach the whole of humankind.

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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

