



Order of Worship for 8/30/26

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 26

Sing a song of thanksgiving.

Declare God's wondrous deeds.

For the Lord dwells among the people;

The glory of God abides with us.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, in the self-giving love of Christ you have revealed the path of salvation; give us courage to deny our selfish desire and bear the cross of discipleship, that we may live as those who have no fear of death and receive the joy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #371

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. 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

Romans 12:9-21
New Testament page 162

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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

Matthew 16:21-28
New Testament page 18

SERMON

Rev. TJ Shirley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***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.

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

Merciful God, **hear our prayer...**

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN #386**

O For a World

O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.

We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.

Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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

