



Order of Worship for 9/13/26

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 103

People of God, bless the Lord,

Bless God's holy name.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

So great is God's steadfast love for us.

OPENING PRAYER

God, our source and our salvation, in love you made us and by love you have redeemed us. Make your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others, that in this life we may know your all-embracing compassion and in the world to come receive the everlasting joy of fellowship you share with your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. 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**

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, close-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all. 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 14:1-12
New Testament page 163

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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

Matthew 18:21-35
New Testament page 20

SERMON

Rev. TJ Shirley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of Belhar

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity, and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

***HYMN #347**

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

1. 'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

2. How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart,
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

3. In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!

4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

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 love, **hear our prayer.**

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN #298**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We would gladly trust God's word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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

