

# Lord's Day Service



*At Church of the King on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
The 4th Sunday after Easter*

*"Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15*

*Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence*

**Hear Today's Call to Worship from God's Word:** [congregation standing]

*"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:19-23* **Come Worship the King of Kings!**

**God's People Respond With a Hymn of Adoration:** [based on Psalm 145:10]

O worship the King all glorious above,	Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
O gratefully sing his power and His love.	It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,	It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.	And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

**Salutation and Response:** [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Hebrews 1:1, 2]

*In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit* **Amen!**

*Jehovah be with you!* **And also with you!**

*God spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,*

**God has in these last days spoken to us by His Son.**

*Whom He has appointed heir of all things,*

**Through whom also He made the worlds.**

# Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us” Hebrews 12:1a

## The Call for Confession From God’s Word:

“Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will? Hebrews 2:1-4

God’s People Sing Our Hymn of Confession: [congregation standing]

## LORD, Thou Hast Searched Me

Psalm 139:1-12

Tender Thought  
Pentatonic American Folk Melody  
Harmonized by J. B. Jordan

Slowly

1. LORD, Thou hast searched me and dost know Where - e'er I rest, where - e're I go;  
2. My words from Thee I can - not hide; I feel Thy pow - er on every side;  
3. Where can I go a - part from Thee, Or whith - er from Thy pres - ence flee?  
4. If I the wings of morn - ing take, And far a - way my dwel - ling make,  
5. If deep - est dark - ness cov - er me, The dark - ness hid - eth not from Thee;

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Thou know - est all that I have planned, And all my ways are in Thy hand.  
O wond - rous know - ledge, aw - ful might, Un - fath - omed depth, un - meas - ured height!  
In heav - en? It is Thy dwel - ling fair; In death's a - bode? Lo, Thou art there.  
The hand that lead - eth me is Thine, And my sup - port Thy power di - vine.  
To Thee both night and day are bright, The dark - ness shin - eth as the light.

**Silent Confession:** “We desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.” Hebrews 6:11,12  
Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

## Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But have mercy upon us, as miserable sinners, O Lord. Spare us, O Lord, for we humbly confess our faults. Grant unto us the grace of repentance, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Christ's dear sake, that we may hereafter live godly, righteous, and sober lives; to the glory of your holy Name. AMEN!

## Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness:

“Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” Hebrews 6:17-20

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for our sins and to be raised for our justification; and for His sake forgives us all our sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Having confessed our sins with faith in the completed work of Christ on our behalf, we are forgiven; we have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. And not only that, we are now **in** Christ and **in** Him we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity with the Saints of all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness.

**Come, let us worship the Lord!**

## Come Bless the Father:

Come bless the Fath - er, all you ser - vants of the Son, who stand by the Spir - it in the  
House of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the Ho - ly Place and bless your God.  
May the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ bless you from Zi - on, He Who made hea - ven and earth. \_\_\_\_\_

## Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

## Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

It is pro - per and right to do so.

Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O Lord, so with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you & singing:

# From Heav'n O Praise the LORD

Psalm 148

ST. CATHERINE'S (6 6. 6 6. 4 4 4 4. rep.)  
Horatio R. Palmer, 1834-1907

The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973

1. From heav'n O praise the LORD; Ye heights, His glo - ry raise.  
LORD;

2. Yea, let them glo - rious make Je - ho - vah's match - less name;  
3. From earth O praise the LORD, Ye deeps and all be - low;  
4. Let all the peo - ple praise, And kings of ev - 'ry land;  
5. Je - ho - vah's name be praised A - bove the earth and sky.

2All an - gels, praise ac - cord; Let all His host give praise.  
For when the word He spake They in - to be - ing came.  
Wild winds that do His word, Ye clouds, fire, hail, and snow;  
Let all their voic - es raise Who judge and give com - mand.  
4For He His saints has raised And set their power on high.

3Praise Him on high, Sun, moon, and star,  
6And from that place Where fixed they be,  
9Ye moun - tains high, Ye ce - dars tall,  
12By young and old, By maid and youth,  
Him praise ac - cord, O Is - rael's race,

Sun, moon, and star, 4Ye heav'n's a - far, And cloud - y sky.  
Where fixed they be, By His de - cree They can - not pass.  
Ye ce - dars tall, 10Beasts great and small, And birds that fly.  
By maid and youth, 11His name in truth Should be ex - tolled.  
O Is - rael's race, Near to His grace. Praise ye the LORD.

## *Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People*

"Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." Hebrews 8:1,2,10-12

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### **THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:**

**Exodus 20:1-17** with responses from the words of Jesus

[20:1] And God spoke all these words, saying: "I *am* Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. "You shall have no other gods before Me.

**Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"** Matthew 4:10

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, Jehovah your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

**"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.** Matthew 6:24

"You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain, for Jehovah will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

**When He had called the multitude to *Himself*, He said to them, "Hear and understand: "Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."** Matthew 15:10-11

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of Jehovah your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. For *in* six days Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore Jehovah blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

**And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. "Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."** Mark 2:27-28

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which Jehovah your God is giving you.

**He answered and said to them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? “For God commanded, saying, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’”** Matthew 15:3-4

“You shall not murder.

**“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ “But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.”** Matthew 5:21-22

“You shall not commit adultery.

**“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ “But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”** Matthew 5:27-28

“You shall not steal.

**Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than what is appointed for you.” Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, “And what shall we do?” So he said to them, “Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.”** Luke 3:12-14

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”** Matthew 5:11-12

“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.”

**And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”** Luke 12:15

Jesus reminds us that the Law of God was given as the perfect standard for righteousness and holiness: Matthew 5:17-19 “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. “For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. “Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

## God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

*"Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!" Psalm 105:1,*

### The Law of God Is Good and Wise

*The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the  
LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. Ps. 19:8*

1. The law of God is good and wise and sets his  
2. Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts the knowl - edge  
3. To those who help in Christ have found and would in  
4. When men the of - fered help dis - dain and wil - ful -

will be - fore our eyes, shows us the way of  
of our sin - ful hearts, that we may see our  
works of love a - bound it shows what deeds are  
ly in sin re - main, its ter - ror in their

righ - teous - ness, and dooms to death when we trans - gress.  
lost es - tate and seek de - liv - 'rance ere too late.  
his de - light and should be done as good and right.  
ear re - sounds and keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5. The law is good; but since the fall  
its holiness condemns us all;  
it dooms us for our sin to die  
and has no pow'r to justify.
6. To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
who from the curse has set us free,  
and humbly worship at his throne,  
saved by his grace through faith alone.

# God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

## "Jesus Feeds Four Thousand"

From Pastor Deonte Walters

Based on Mark 8:1-21

God's People respond with a Hymn of Praise: 2 pages [congregation standing]

### O Sing a New Song to the LORD

Psalm 98

DESERT (LYNGHAM) (C.M. rep.)  
Thomas Jarman, c. 1803

*The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973*

1. O sing a new song to the LORD, For

won-ders He has done, For won - ders He has done;

His right hand and His ho - ly arm

The vic - tor - y have won, The vic - tor - y have won,  
The vic - tor - y have won, The vic - tor - y have won,  
vic - tor - y have won, The vic - tor - y have won, The



won, The vic - - - tor - y have won.  
 vic - - - - - tor - y have won.  
 won, The vic - - - tor - y have won.  
 vic - - - - - tor - y have won.

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| <p>2. The great salvation wrought by Him<br/>         Jehovah has made known.<br/>         His justice in the nations' sight<br/>         He openly has shown.</p>         | <p>5. With harp make music to the LORD;<br/>         With harp a psalm O sing!<br/>         With horn and trumpet raise a shout<br/>         Before the LORD, the King.</p>       |
| <p>3. He mindful of His grace and truth<br/>         To Isr'el's house has been.<br/>         The great salvation of our God<br/>         All ends of earth have seen.</p> | <p>6. Let seas in all their vastness roar,<br/>         The world, its living horde.<br/>         Let rivers clap, let mountains sing<br/>         Their joy before the LORD!</p> |
| <p>4. O all the earth, sing to the LORD<br/>         And make a joyful sound.<br/>         Lift up your voice aloud to him;<br/>         Sing psalms! Let joy resound!</p> | <p>7. Because He comes, He surely comes,<br/>         The judge of earth to be!<br/>         With justice He will judge the world,<br/>         All men with equity.</p>          |

**The Heidelberg Catechism** – Holding forth faith in Jesus Christ as our only comfort in life and in death, we read responsively the weekly questions from the Heidelberg Catechism as a personal and eloquent reminder of what we must know to live and die in that comfort. Lord's Day 19

51. What does this glory of Christ, our Head, profit us?

**First, that by His Holy Spirit He pours out heavenly gifts upon us, His members;**[1] **then, that by His power He defends and preserves us against all enemies.**[2] [1] Eph. 4:10–12. [2] Ps. 2:9; Jn. 10:28–30; \*1 Cor. 15:25–26; \*Acts 2:33.

52. What comfort is it to you that Christ “shall come to judge the living and the dead”?

**That in all my sorrows and persecutions, I, with uplifted head, look for the very One who offered Himself for me to the judgment of God, and removed all curse from me, to come as Judge from heaven,**[1] **who shall cast all His and my enemies into everlasting condemnation,**[2] **but shall take me with all His chosen ones to Himself into heavenly joy and glory.**[3] [1] Lk. 21:28; Rom. 8:23–24; Phil. 3:20–21; Tit. 2:13. [2] 2 Thess. 1:6, 10; 1 Thess. 4:16–18; Matt. 25:41. [3] \*Acts 1:10–11; \*Heb. 9:28.

## **God Receives Our Tithes and Gifts as a Tribute Offering:** [read in unison]

**“For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.”** *Hebrews 7:1-4*

### **Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:**

#### **With the singing of Psalm 27:4-5 & the Doxology**

*Words composed by Brenda Fisher*

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| <b>1: One thing from God have I desired,<br/>That in His house I may inquire,<br/>So on His beauty I may gaze.<br/>I seek to dwell there all my days.</b> | <b>2: In troubled times He makes me hide.<br/>He hides me secretly inside.<br/>Within His tabernacle home,<br/>He sets me high upon a stone.</b> |
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- 3: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

## **The Great Prayer, Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer**

*“Jehovah has heard my supplication; Jehovah will receive my prayer.”* *Psalm 6:9*

**Our Father,**

**Who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one,**

**For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN** [Matthew 6:9-13]

*Communion: Where God Communes With His People*

*“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?*

*The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?”* *1 Corinthians 10:16*

### **Preparation for Communion:**

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and are not under discipline from Christ’s Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

# Our Confession of Faith - The Apostle's Creed [sung with music by Amber Bartels]

Piano

The image shows a piano accompaniment for the Apostle's Creed. It consists of nine systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady bass line and a more active treble line. The lyrics are: "I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth; And in Je-sus Christ, His on-ly be-got-ten Son, our Lord; Who was con-ceived by the Ho-ly Spi-rit, born of the vir-gin Ma-ry, Suf-fered un-der Pon-tius Pi-late, was cru-ci-fied, dead and bur-ied; He de-scend-ed in-to hell, the third day He rose a-gain from the dead; He as-cend-ed in-to heav-en, and sit-teth at the right hand of God the Fath-er Al-might-ty; From thence He shall come to judge the liv-ing and the dead. I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, I be-lieve a ho-ly cath-olic Church, the com-mun-ion of saints, the for-give-ness of sins; the re-sur-rec-tion of the bo-dy, and the life ev-er-last-ing. A-men."

I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth;

8 And in Je-sus Christ, His on-ly be-got-ten Son, our Lord; Who was con-ceived by the

16 Ho-ly Spi-rit, born of the vir-gin Ma-ry, Suf-fered un-der Pon-tius

25 Pi-late, was cru-ci-fied, dead and bur-ied; He de-scend-ed in-to

35 hell, the third day He rose a-gain from the dead; He as-cend-ed in-to

43 heav-en, and sit-teth at the right hand of God the Fath-er Al-might-ty; From

52 thence He shall come to judge the liv-ing and the dead. I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit,

60 I be-lieve a ho-ly cath-olic Church, the com-mun-ion of saints, the for-give-ness of sins; the

70 re-sur-rec-tion of the bo-dy, and the life ev-er-last-ing. A-men.

# **THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE:** (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

*A Word of Encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the Bread*

## **God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks and Celebration:**

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

### **How Sweet and Awful Is the Place**

ST. COLUMBA (C.M.)

Old Irish hymn melody

Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Sacred Songs*, 1707

1. How sweet and awful is the place  
2. While all our hearts and all our songs  
3. "Why was I made to hear Thy voice,  
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast  
5. Pit - y the na - tions, O our God!  
6. We long to see Thy church - es full,

With Christ with - in the doors, While ev - er - last - ing  
Join to ad - mire the feast, Each of us cry, with  
And en - ter while there's room, When - thou - sands make a  
That sweet - ly drew us in; Else we had still re -  
Con - strain the earth to come; Send Thy vic - to - rious  
That all the cho - sen race May with one voice and

love dis - plays The choic - est of her stores!  
thank - ful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?  
wretch - ed choice, And rath - er starve than come?"  
fused to taste, And per - ished in our sin.  
Word a - broad, And bring the stran - gers home.  
heart and soul, Sing Thy re - deem - ing grace.

## **Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of a new Week**

*Partaking of the Bread Together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the Wine*

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

# Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

"But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel." Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire." *Hebrews 12:22-24,28-29*

## God's People Go Forth Singing:

### O God of Earth and Altar

KINGS LYNN (7 6. 7 6. D.)  
Traditional English melody  
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Gilbert Keith Chesterton, 1906

1. O God of earth and al - tar, Bow down and hear our cry,  
2. From all that ter - ror teach - es, From lies of tongue and pen,  
3. Tie in a liv - ing teth - er, The prince and priest and thrall;

Our earth - ly rul - ers fal - ter, Our peo - ple drift and die;  
From all the eas - y speech - es That com - fort cru - el men;  
Bind all our lives to - geth - er, Smite us and save us all;

The walls of gold en - tomb us, The swords of scorn di - vide;  
From sale and prof - a - na - tion Of hon - or and the sword;  
In ire and ex - ul - ta - tion A - flame with faith, and free,

Take not Thy thun - der from us, But take a - way our pride.  
From sleep and from dam - na - tion, De - liv - er us, good Lord!  
Lift up a liv - ing na - tion, A sin - gle sword to Thee.

## God Blesses His People - The Benediction:

[congregation standing]

*Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22*

**"Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.... Grace be with you all. Amen"** *Hebrews 13:20, 21, 25*

## The Response to God's Commission - Simeon's Prayer & the Gloria Patri

Lord, now let- test Thou Thy ser- vant de- part in peace, ac- cord- ing to Thy Word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy sal-va- tion, Which Thou hast pre- pared be- fore the face of all peo- ple;

A light to ligh- ten the Gen- tiles, and the glo- ry of Thy peo- ple is - - - ra - el.

-- With Lifted Hands --

Glo- ry be to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost;

as it was in the be- gin- ning, is now and ev- er shall be, world with- out end. A- men.

May 7th, 2023

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~Worship begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. ~ Today's pulpit supply: Deonte Walters ~

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For all who claim the Name of Jesus, that we would live in a manner worthy of our calling, serving one another to the glory of God. May we be humble in all our interactions, having patience & bearing with one another in love, uniting in the bond of our Savior, worshipping Him in spirit & in truth, seeking His face in prayer, & faithfully studying His Word.
- For our expectant mothers, Marianne Poindexter, Alma Ryan, and Marie Choban, that their babies would continue to grow healthy & strong; for Baby Theodore Poindexter, that his post-delivery heart surgery would restore him to health & he would quickly recover & be able to be home with his family; & for renewed energy & strength for all of the mothers in our midst.
- For all who are dealing with illness, injury, other health issues, grief, or personal trials, that our Lord would grant patience, healing, wisdom, comfort, & trust in the perfect will of the One Who does all things well.
- For family members & friends who are under discipline, unsaved, or have strayed from the faith, that our Lord would bring them to repentance & restore them to the fellowship of Christ's church; & that we would boldly & lovingly proclaim the truth to them at every opportunity, standing strong in the Lord & in the power of His might.
- For churches who are in need of pastors, elders, & deacons, that our Lord would continue to raise up Godly men to lead these flocks, & for those men who are currently serving, that they may have strengthened faith & abundant wisdom as they minister to their congregations.
- For the saints throughout the world who are suffering & dying in the Name of Jesus, that they would find strength, comfort, & hope as they fully trust in God's goodness. And also for their persecutors, that their hearts would be softened to the Gospel.
- For President Biden, Vice President Harris, Governor Newsom, & all elected & appointed officials, that they would recognize their need to depend on God for knowledge, wisdom, & the courage to do what is right, reject all counsel that violates righteousness, & bring dignity, honor, trustworthiness, & integrity to their positions, remembering their accountability to Almighty God, Who is angry with the wicked every day.
- For the Church worldwide, that the Word of God would be faithfully preached, believed, & obeyed, & that His Name would be glorified as we seek to obey His Word & love our neighbors.

**Our fellowship lunch follows today's worship service. We welcome all to be our guests & to sing as we ask the Lord's blessing:**

Be present at our table Lord,  
Be here and everywhere adored.  
These mercies bless and grant that we  
May feast in Paradise with Thee.

We thank Thee Lord for this our food,  
For life and health and every good.  
By Thine own hand may we be fed,  
Give us this day our daily bread.

### Weekly Meetings (also detailed on our website):

#### **Men's Fellowship Breakfast:**

~ Meets at 8:00am on Wednesdays at Denny's on Sunrise; reading *A New Day of Small Beginnings* by Pierre Courthial. Contact Pastor Stoos.

#### **Sacramento Area Bible Study:**

~ Meets at 7:00pm on Tuesdays at Richard Otterstad's. Contact Patrick Avanto.

#### **Grass Valley Area Book Study:**

~ Meets for potluck at 6:00pm, study starts at 7:00pm on Wednesdays at rotating locations; viewing *Reformed Basics* video series from Canon Press. Contact John Pekarek.

#### **Ladies' Book Study:**

~ Meets at 9:00am on Saturdays at the Stoos home. Reading *How To Be Free From Bitterness & Other Essays on Christian Relationships* by Jim Wilson. Contact Linda Stoos.

#### **Vallejo Area Study:**

~ Meets at the Kendrick home every two weeks. Contact Damell Kendrick.

#### **Birthdays**

Matthew Choban ~ April 30th  
Igor Avanto ~ May 1st  
Maddy Avanto ~ May 5th  
Miriam Jeong ~ May 6th  
Penny Poindexter ~ May 7th

#### **Hall Takedown Today**

Nathan & Spencer Pettyjohn, Damell Kendrick, Jonathan Liberati, Sean VanNess

#### **Next Week's Playground Duty**

Will need a volunteer to sub for the Ryans