Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship Sunday, July 21st 2024 11:00am

God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence

The Preparatory Prayer (for individual use before worship)

"Almighty God, Heavenly Father, blessed be Your wonderful name! Draw us now into Your presence that hearing again Your gracious promises, we would believe, and forever worship and adore You, who alone is God of all: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Chiming of the Hour, the Words of Welcome, and Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord be with you! And also with you!

The Trinity Chime, the Prayer of Invocation, and Prelude

*The Call to Worship from Psalm 51:15
People of God, lift up your hearts:
We lift them to the Lord!
Our help is in the name of the Lord, our God!
O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare Your praise!

*The Opening Hymn #260 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

The Opening Prayer of Adoration

...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, **one God now and forever. Amen.**

The Choral Introit "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

Almighty God, whose record of faithfulness is unblemished and unmatched, we confess that we, Your people, have not kept the faith; we have sinned against You and have abandoned Your covenant; we have broken Your commands, and have wasted Your gifts. You would be our God, but we have turned from You and have forsaken Your love. O Lord, make us truly sorry for the ways we have displeased You; teach us to hate our sins and to yearn to be holy as You are holy; and lead us from now on in Your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord...(continue in silent confession)

The Gospel Promise of God's Forgiveness from 1 John 2:2

"The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance - Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of which I am the chief one." I declare to you, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and we are made new! **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

The Sung Acclamation #447 "We Are Forgiven"

Choir: We are for-giv-en, we are for-gi-ven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God! All: We are for-gi-ven, we are for-gi-ven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God!

The Call to the Christ-Life from Micah 6:8

Dear friends, God has shown us what is good. And what does our God require of us? To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with Him, our God!

*The Sung Response The Gloria Patri (located on Pew Card)

*The Affirmation of Our Christian Faith The Apostles Creed (located on Pew Card)

The Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

*The Sung Response of Gratitude and Praise The Doxology (located on Pew Card)

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God Speaks and Seals His Promises in His Word

The Gospel Lesson Matthew 8:14-17

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*The Sung Response #450 "Be Thou My Vision" (v. 1)

Be Thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night, wak-ing or sleep-ing, Thy pre-sence my light.

The Sermon "Matthew (27): The King Who Takes Our Hand and Bears Our Burdens"

*The Hymn of Response #462 "I Love to Tell the Story"

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

God Sends Us Forth in Loving Service and Witness

*The Closing Hymn (insert) "The Old Rugged Cross"

*The Benediction

*The Congregational Benediction #748 "Go with Us, Lord" Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and ev-ery com-ing day, that in Your Spir-it strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.