

Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship

Sunday, July 28th 2024

11:00am

God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence

The Preparatory Prayer *(for individual use before worship)*

"O Lord Jesus, to follow You is to have Life. Grant us Your Spirit that hearing Your hear Your call, we would turn from our wandering ways, and follow You with joy in the narrow way of life eternal. 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 95:1*

People of God, lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord!

O come and sing unto the Lord!

O Lord, to You we make a joyful noise, O Rock of our salvation!

***The Opening Hymn** #4 *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

The Opening Prayer of Adoration

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

Amen.

The Choral Introit

God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

Almighty and Ever Faithful God, we all like sheep have gone astray; we all like prodigal children have forsaken our rich inheritance. You have blessed us, but

we have squandered Your gifts; You have loved us, but we have hardened our hearts toward You and toward the neighbors You command us to love. O Lord, meet our sorry record with Your abundant grace: forgive us and heal us; pour out Your Spirit and turn us from hating to loving; from wandering to following for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Faithful One...*(continue in silent confession)*

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

"My dear children, I write this so that you would not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ the Righteous One. And He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for our sins only but for the sins of the world." 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 8:18-22*

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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 (28): The King Makes Clear the Cost”*

***The Hymn of Response #718** *“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”*

The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

God Sends Us Forth in Loving Service and Witness

***The Closing Hymn #720** *“Jesus Calls Us”*

***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.**