

Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship

Sunday, August 18th 2024

11:00am

God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence

The Prayer of Preparation *(for individual use before worship)*

"O Lord our God, pour out Your Holy Spirit and lift our hearts and voices to worship You gladly, in spirit and in truth, who is God alone: 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 66*

People of God, lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord!

Shout for joy to God all the earth! Sing to the glory of His name!

We bow down to You, O God our God! We sing praise and bless Your name!

***The Opening Hymn** #612 *"We Praise You, O God"*

The Opening Prayer of Adoration

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

The Choral Introit *"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"*

God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

O God our God, ever righteous in all Your ways and ever faithful in all Your works: we confess that we have disobeyed Your commands, we have ignored

Your voice, we have forsaken You in going after other gods. O Lord, great is our sin, but greater still is Your promise to be our God forever, and the mercy You have shown us in Jesus Christ. For His sake, forgive us and heal us. Pour out Your Spirit upon us, and turn our hearts from wandering to following, and from ignoring to gladly obeying Your holy will to the glory of Your great name...*(continue in silent confession)*

The Gospel Promise of God's Forgiveness *from 1 Timothy 1:15*

"This is a trustworthy saying and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - and 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 9:1-8*

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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 (31): The King Who Has the Authority to Forgive”*

***The Hymn of Response** #442 *“Just as I Am, without One Plea”*

The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

God Sends Us Forth in Loving Service and Witness

***The Closing Hymn** #703 *“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”*

***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.**