

Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship

Sunday, September 15th 2024

11:00am

God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence

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

"Almighty God, grant us faith and give us rest in the shelter of Your wings that in all life's trials we would know Your peace, through Him who came to be our Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Rev. 1:5-6*

People of God, lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord!

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins, and has made us to be a kingdom of priests to serve His God and Father:

To You, Lord Jesus, be glory and power and honor, forever and ever! Amen!

***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 ""

God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

Almighty God, countless are the ways we have sinned against You in what we have done, and said, and thought. You are faithful, but we have been unfaithful. You are loyal, but we have forsaken Your way. In Your mercy, forgive us and heal us. Blot out our record by the blood of Your dear Son, and, by the power of Your Spirit, give us new hearts to serve You gladly to the glory of Your name... *(continue in silent confession)*

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

"Brothers and sisters, we ought not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father - Jesus Christ the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins; and not only for our sins, but for the sins of the world." I declare to you, in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, and you are made new! **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

The Sung Acclamation #447 *"We are Forgiven"*

Choir: We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

All: We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

The Call to the Christ-Life *from The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 1*

Dear friends, what is your chief end in life? **My chief end in life is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever!**

***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 9:27-34*

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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 (35): The King Who Puts Us to the Test"*

*The Hymn of Response #686 *"God of Our Life"*

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

God Sends Us Forth to Live in Christ

*The Closing Hymn #847 *"Our Hope, Our Life"*

*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.