

Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship

Sunday, September 22nd 2024

11:00am

God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence

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

"O Lord Jesus, look with compassion upon us and all who belong to You, that we would hear Your voice and come to You, our Good Shepherd. 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 124:8*

People of God, lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord!

With joyful voices, we praise You, Lord Almighty!

With all our hearts, we welcome You, King of Glory!

***The Opening Hymn** #93 *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

The Opening Prayer of Adoration

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

Amen.

The Choral Introit *"Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome"*

God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

Almighty God, with humbled hearts, we confess before You that we are sinners. You love us, but we have not loved You. You lead us, but we have not followed. You call us to holiness, but we have gone along with the ways of evil.

O Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us and heal us. Look not upon our sins, but upon Your spotless Son, who came for our salvation; and, by Your Spirit, turn us from sin and lead us anew into the ways that please and honor

You...*(continue in silent confession)*

The Gospel Promise of God's Forgiveness *from John 3:16; Psalm 124:8, 51:5*

"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." This is God's promise for all who repent and truly believe: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, and you are made new! **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

Our help is in the Lord, **who made heaven and earth!**

O Lord open our lips, **and our mouths will declare Your praise!**

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 Old Testament Lesson *Ezekiel 34:1-16*

p. 885

The Gospel Lesson *Matthew 9:35-36*

p. 990

***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 (36): The King of Deep Compassion”*

***The Hymn of Response #802** *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (v. 1-4, 6)*

The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

God Sends Us Forth to Live in Christ

***The Closing Hymn #546** *“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”*

***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.**