

Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship

Sunday, September 29th 2024

11:00am

God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence

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

"O Almighty God, pour out Your Spirit upon us: make us to hear Your Word and believe, and always bear the fruit of faithfulness until You come to gather in Your great harvest. 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 72:18-19*

People of God, lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord!

Praise be to You, Lord God, for You alone do marvelous deeds!

Praise be to Your glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with Your glory! Alleluia! Amen!

***The Opening Hymn** #385 *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

The Opening Prayer of Adoration

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

The Choral Introit *"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"*

God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

O Lord our God, if You heard only the prayers of the faithful and righteous, who could have a hearing? Our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. You call, and we ignore You. You lead us, and we turn away. We gladly receive Your love, but refuse to extend it to our neighbor. Our record is poor, O God, but Your mercy is great. Forgive our past, and change what we are, that from now on our hearts would be Yours in love and faithfulness...*(continue in silent confession)*

The Gospel Promise of God's Forgiveness *from Matt. 11:28-30; Psalm 124:8, 51:5*

"Come to Me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." 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 Gospel Lesson *Matthew 9:37-10:4*

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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 (37): The King’s Mission, and Ours (Pt. 1)”*

***The Hymn of Response #737 “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”**
v. 1: choir; v. 2-4: all

The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

God Sends Us Forth to Live in Christ

***The Closing Hymn #722 “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” (v. 1-3, 5)**

***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.