

Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship

Sunday, November 17th 2024

11:00am

God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence

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

"O Lord Jesus, You are greatly to be praised for even the least among us who receive and hold fast to You in faith are great in Your Kingdom. 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 147:1-2*

People of God, lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord!

How good it is to sing Your praises, O God!

How fitting and pleasant it is to worship and adore You!

***The Opening Hymn** #664 *"Morning Has Broken"*

The Opening Prayer of Adoration

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

Amen.

The Choral Introit *"A Grateful Heart"*

God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

Almighty God, before You we confess that we are sinners and we have sinned.

We have ignored Your voice, disobeyed Your commands, and wandered from

Your way. We have been happy to receive but reluctant to give; swift to hate

but slow to love. O Lord, judge us not according to our sins, but Your merciful promise to be our God forever. Forgive our wrongs and amend our ways, and lead us anew in the path of faithfulness, through Christ our Lord who died and rose for our redemption... *(continue in silent confession)*

The Gospel Promise of God's Forgiveness *from 1 Timothy 1:15; Psalm 124:8, 51:5*

"The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - and I am the chief one." 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 *Malachi 4:1-6*

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The Gospel Lesson *Matthew 11:7-15*

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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 (43): The King Praises His Forerunner”*

***The Hymn of Response #96** *“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”*

The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

God Sends Us Forth to Live in Christ

***The Closing Hymn #175** *“Seek Ye First”*

***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.**