

Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship

Sunday, February 23rd, 2025

11:00am

God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence

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

O God our Father, pour out Your Spirit and raise our hearts to worship You gladly and bring You the sacrifice of our praise, through Jesus Christ, Your Son. 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 Prelude, and Choral Introit

***The Call to Worship** *from Psalm 95:6*

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord!

O come, let us worship and bow down!

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

***The Opening Hymn** #299 *"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"*

God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

Almighty God, in so many ways we have fallen short; in so many ways we have ignored Your will and have wandered from Your path. Have mercy upon us, Lord: remember not our sins, but Your promise to be our God forever. Cleanse us from all that dishonors You, and fill us with Your love, for the sake of Christ our Lord...*(continue in silent confession)*

The Gospel Promise of God's Forgiveness *from Romans 5:8*

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. This is God's promise to all who repent and truly believe: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, and you are made new! **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

***The Sung Response** *The Gloria Patri (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**

The Reception of New Members

*We joyfully welcome Mike and Alice Dills,
and Brian and Nola Hecker into membership*

The Hymn of Response #308 *"O God in Whom All Life Begins"*

God Speaks and Seals His Promises in His Word

The Scripture Lesson *Matthew 12:43-45*

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The Sermon *"Matthew (51): The King Calls for Full Commitment"*

God Sends Us Forth to Live in Christ

***The Closing Hymn** #694 *"Great God of Every 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.