

Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship

March 23rd, 2025

11:00am

God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence

The Words 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 the Choral Introit

***The Call to Worship** *from Psalm 100:4*

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord!

O come, let us enter His gates with thanksgiving!

Come, let us fill His courts with praise!

***The Opening Hymn** #611 *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

Holy God, what we can hide from others cannot remain hidden from You. You see into the depths of our hearts, and know the very thoughts we think.

Forgive us for the ways we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Cleanse our hearts and restore in us the zeal of Your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(continue in silent confession)

The Gospel Promise of God's Forgiveness *from 1 Timothy 1:15*

"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!

***The Sung Response** *The Gloria Patri (located on pew card)*

***The Affirmation of 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 Scripture Lesson *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

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The Sermon *"Matthew (54): The King's Storybook: Wheat and Weeds"*

***The Hymn of Response** #275 *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

God Sends Us Forth to Live in Christ

***The Closing Hymn** #702 *"Christ Be Beside Me"*

***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.