

Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship

Sunday, March 9th 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 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** #403 *"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"*

God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned and have fallen short; we have done what is wrong, and have failed to do what is right. We have sinned not only in our actions, but in the ill thoughts we have harbored. O Lord, have mercy on us and remember Your promise to be our God forever. Forgive our sins, and drive out from within us all that leads us astray. Give us new hearts, and teach us daily to walk in the path of faithfulness, through Jesus 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 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 13:1-23*

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The Sermon *"Matthew (53): The King's Storybook: Sower, Seed, and Soils"*

***The Hymn of Response** #451 *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

God Sends Us Forth to Live in Christ

***The Closing Hymn** #432 *"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"*

***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.