

Order of Service–May 25, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting **please rise as you are able and comfortable and welcome one another into worship**

Invocation

New Member Welcome: *Kathleen Ridgeway*

Baptism of James Allen Phillips

Baccalaureate Address: *Tang Stephen Tauch*

“There Is A Cry” **please rise as you are able and comfortable and welcome one another into worship**

“Be Thou My Vision” **please be seated**

Reading From Acts 16:11-15

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, [12] and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. [13] And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. [14] One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. [15] And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another....

Congregation: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Congregation: **Amen**

“From Where the Sun Rises” **please rise as you are comfortable and able**

Nicene Creed

Congregation: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Holy Communion *please be seated until it is time for you to come forward, rows come forward front to back, left to right*

Please read the explanation of our Communion practice below.

COMMUNION is a time for us to come in union to receive Jesus' body and blood. On the night before Jesus died on the cross, He shared a "last supper" with His disciples. The experience that happened so many years ago compels us to this day to celebrate the "Lord's Supper" (or Holy Communion as it is called). Jesus invited us to share this gift until He returns so that we may have forgiveness of sins, strengthening of faith and the power to live God-pleasing lives. God's word tells us that when we receive the Lord's Supper we are not merely receiving bread and wine, but the true, real body and blood of Jesus Christ. We claim the promise of Christ's real presence as we hear him say "This is my body...this is my blood." Baptized adult Christians who know they need God's daily forgiveness, who are sorry for their sins, who seek God's forgiveness, and who believe the body and blood of Jesus Christ are truly present in this meal are invited to share this great gift of God.

*We encourage those who are unsure of their beliefs or who don't yet agree with our beliefs to use the time of communion to reflect, pray, and sing. We encourage those who are in agreement with us in our beliefs to receive the body and blood of Jesus, given and shed for our forgiveness. **Those that wish non-alcoholic wine for communion will find those cups located in the center trays. Those who would like gluten-free wafers can take them from the bowl containing the wafers.***

"Psalm 34 (Tase and See)"

"Psalm 23, Surely Goodness"

"O Come All You Unfaithful"

Reading from John 16:25-33 *please be seated*

"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. [26] In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your

behalf; [27] for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

[28] I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

[29] His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!

[30] Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” [31] Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?

[32] Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. [33] I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Children’s Message & Offering

Message: “I Have Overcome the World”

Theme: While our situation in our community, at work, in our family may have many tribulations, we have a peace in the midst of it all because Jesus has overcome sin, death, and the devil. Through Jesus, we not only have the peace that surpasses all human understanding, but we “are more than conquerors through him who loved us.” (Rom.8:37)

Responsive Prayer and Reflection *please rise as you are comfortable and able*

(Pastor Speaks the light print, the congregation responds with the dark print)

P: O Lord, we face many trials and tribulations.

C: O Jesus, you have overcome sin, death, and the devil.

P: Through you we have peace.

C: O Lord, through you, we are more than conquerors over our trials and tribulations. Amen

Blessing

“Open Up the Heavens”

Go in Peace + Serve the Lord