

Order of Service–June 15, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

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

Invocation **please remain standing**

“House of the Lord”

“Lord, I Need You” **please be seated**

Reading from Proverbs 8

P: Does not wisdom call?

C: Does not understanding raise her voice?

P: On the heights beside the way,

C: at the crossroads she takes her stand;

P: beside the gates in front of the town,

C: at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

P: To you, O men, I call,

C: and my cry is to the children of man.

P: All the words of my mouth are righteous;

C: there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

P: They are all straight to him who understands,

C: and right to those who find knowledge.

P: Take my instruction instead of silver,

C: and knowledge rather than choice gold,

P: for wisdom is better than jewels,

C: and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

Confession and Absolution

P: 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...

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen

“We Believe” *please rise as you are comfortable and able*

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Reading from John 3:1-21 *please be seated*

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. [2] This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." [3] Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." [4] Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" [5] Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

[7] Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' [8] The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

[9] Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" [10] Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? [11] Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. [12] If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? [13] No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. [14] And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15] that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

[16] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. [18] Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. [19] And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. [20] For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. [21] But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

Message: "Wisdom of God"

Theme: As we celebrate the wisdom of God to reveal Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we must all confess that human wisdom and understanding cannot understand the Holy Trinity. Only by the power of God's revealed wisdom can we, by faith, grasp the work of the Holy Trinity in our lives.

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 Holy Spirit,

C: grant us wisdom of faith.

P: O Jesus, thank you for our salvation,

C: O Heavenly Father, you are the Source for good things. Amen

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

"How Great Is Our God"

Go in Peace + Serve the Lord!