

Order of Service–February 9, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

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

Invocation **please remain standing**

“Goodness of God”

“Give Me Jesus” **please be seated**

Responsive Verse: Psalm 138:7-8

P: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

C: you preserve my life;

P: you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,

C: and your right hand delivers me.

P: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

C: your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

P: Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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**

“Graves into Gardens” **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.***

"O Come to the Altar"

Reading from Luke 5:1-11 *please be seated*

Context: When the men who would become the core of the group of disciples of Jesus and later the core of the early Christian church recognized that this man's authority to call the fish into their nets, they in turn recognized their own lack of worthiness. Simon recognized his sinfulness, but Jesus assures all who know their sinfulness, "Do not be afraid,"

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, [2] and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. [3] Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. [4] And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." [5] And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." [6] And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. [7] They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. [8] But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell

down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." [9] For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, [10] and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." [11] And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Children's Message & Offering

Message: "Unworthy Servants"

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: Because of our sinfulness, .

C: We deserve nothing but the wrath of God.

P: Because of the sacrifice of Jesus,

C: we have been declared forgiven and righteous before God. Amen

Blessing

"O Praise the Name"

Go in Peace + Serve the Lord