

## Order of Service–February 16, 2025

### Welcome & Announcements

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

**Invocation** *\*please remain standing\**

**“Song”**

**“Song”** *\*please be seated\**

### Reading from Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the Lord:

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the Lord.

[6] He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

[7] "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

[8] He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit."

### 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**

**“Song”** *\*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 Luke 6:20-26**\*please be seated\*

*The concepts of woes and blessings Jesus reveals was contrary to the theological thinking of the religious leaders of his day. They believed that having power, knowledge, and wealth were signs of God's blessings and the woes of mankind were the direct result of transgressions of the Law. We see this today in a theological trend often referred to as the "health and wealth gospel".*

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. [21] "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. [22] "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! [23] Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

[24] "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

[25] "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. [26] "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

**Message: "Woes and Blessings"**

**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 woes of life.**

P: Because of the sacrifice of Jesus,

**C: we have been blessed with forgiven and righteous before God. Amen**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing**

**"Closing Song"**

**Go in Peace + Serve the Lord!**