

## **Order of Service–October 29, 2023**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

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

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

**“Forever”**

**“Blessed Be Your Name”** *\*please be seated\**

**Psalm 46:1-6** (Light verses Pastor, dark verses congregation)

P: God is our refuge and strength,

**C: a very present help in trouble.**

P: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

**C: though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

P: though its waters roar and foam,

**C: though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah**

P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**C: the holy habitation of the Most High.**

P: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

**C: God will help her when morning dawns.**

P: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

**C: he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

P: The Lord of hosts is with us;

**C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

### **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**

**“What a Beautiful Name”** *\*please rise as you are comfortable and able\**

### **Apostles Creed**

Congregation: **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 Isaiah 42:5-10** \*please be seated\*

### **Children's Message & Offering**

**Message: "Called to Change"**

**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: Almighty God, Whose will is steadfast, but ever new in our lives...

**C: Help us to respond to You by being more open to Your life-changing Word.**

P: Help us to distinguish between the more important things which need preserving...

**C: And the less important things that have no eternal value.**

P: Open our eyes to see the new directions in which You would have us go.

**C: Open our ears to hear Your assurances and promises.**

P: Open our minds, that we may comprehend your love and kindness toward us in Jesus.

**C: Open our lips, that we may sing a brand new song in faithfulness to Your claim on our lives.**

P: For SCRIPTURE alone, GRACE alone, and FAITH alone,

**C: We give YOU all praise and glory! Amen, and Amen!**

### **Lord's Prayer**

#### **Blessing**

***"Living Hope"***

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