



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2023

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**Serve the LORD with gladness!**

**Come into his presence with singing!**

Know that the LORD, he is God!

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**

**and his courts with praise!**

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**For the LORD is good;**

**his steadfast love endures forever,**

**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

### **Invocation**

#### **Psalm 22B: All You That Fear Jehovah's Name**

All you that fear Jehovah's name, his glory tell, his praise proclaim;

you children of his chosen race, stand now in awe before his face,

stand now in awe before his face.

The suffering One he has not spurned, who unto him for help has turned;

from him he has not hid his face, but answered his request in grace,

but answered his request in grace.

O Lord, your goodness makes me raise amid your people songs of praise;

before all them that fear you, now I worship you and pay my vow,

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For all the meek you will provide, they shall be fed and satisfied;

all they that seek the Lord shall live and never-ending praises give,

and never-ending praises give.

The Lord's unfailing righteousness all generations shall confess;

from age to age shall men be taught what wondrous works the Lord has wrought,

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## **Confession of Sin**

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against You  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In Your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in Your will  
and walk in Your ways,  
to the glory of Your holy name,  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News!

Surely He has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed Him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.  
But He was pierced for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon Him was the punishment  
that brought us peace,  
and with His wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on Him  
the iniquity of us all.

Know that in Jesus,  
God embraces you, forgives you,  
And strengthens you to live a renewed life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Song: Cling to Christ**

Father I can come to You and boast of deeds I've done;  
In my pride I strive to earn the favor Christ has won.  
He alone pleads my acceptance, all my works aside,  
So I come with empty hands and I cling to Christ.

Father I can go astray and battle needless fears;  
Voices tell me I'm condemned and that I can't draw near,  
But Your Spirit calls me homeward with Your words of life.  
Jesus bore my ev'ry sin, so I cling to Christ

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It's more than I can do to keep my hold on You,  
But all my hope and peace is that You cling to me  
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Father all my earthly aims in time will turn to dust.  
Let me learn that loss is gain for those who know Your love!  
All the treasures of this world will never satisfy;  
You alone are endless joy, so I cling to Christ.  
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### **Hymn 170: God, In the Gospel of His Son**

God, in the gospel of his Son, makes his eternal counsels known;  
where love in all its glory shines, and truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here sinners of a humble frame may taste his grace and learn his name;  
may read, in characters of blood, the wisdom, pow'r, and grace of God.

The pris'ner here may break his chains; the weary rest from all his pains;  
the captive feel his bondage cease; the mourner find the way of peace.

Here faith reveals to mortal eyes a brighter world beyond the skies;  
here shines the light which guides our way from earth to realms of endless day.

O grant us grace, almighty Lord, to read and mark your holy Word;  
its truths with meekness to receive, and by its holy precepts live.

**Scripture Readings:** Mark 7:1-13

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Song: Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul**

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on Thee, when sorrows rise,  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.  
To Thee I tell each rising grief, for Thou alone can heal;  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief for every pain I feel.

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine;  
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline.  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust;  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee, though prostrate in the dust.

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sov'reign grace be deaf when I complain?  
No, still the ear of sov'reign grace attends the mourner's prayer;  
O may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

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Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat;  
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet.  
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### **Hymn 406: Jesus with Thy Church Abide**

Jesus, with thy church abide be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,  
while on earth her faith is tried: we beseech thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure; grant her patience to endure,  
trusting in thy promise sure: we beseech thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be, one in truth and charity,  
winning all to faith in thee: we beseech thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost until she find,  
and the broken-hearted bind: we beseech thee, hear us.

Judge her not for work undone, judge her not for fields unwon,  
bless her work in thee begun: we beseech thee, hear us.

Save her love from growing cold, make her watchmen strong and bold,  
fence her round, thy peaceful fold: we beseech thee, hear us.

May her lamp of truth be bright, bid her bear aloft its light  
through the realms of heathen night: we beseech thee, hear us.

Arm her soldiers with the cross, brave to suffer toil or loss,  
counting earthly gain but dross: we beseech thee, hear us.

May she holy triumphs win, overthrow the hosts of sin,  
gather all the nations in: we beseech thee, hear us.

### **Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:13-18**

### **Sermon: "Are You a Christian?"**

### **Lord's Supper**

### **Song: Gloria Patri**

### **Benediction**