Order of Worship AUGUST 7, 2022

Meditation – Colossians 2:16-17

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

Songs of Adoration – 2

Call to Worship – Isaiah 56:1-7 (Responsive Reading)

- L Thus says the LORD: Keep justice, and do righteousness,
- C for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.
- L Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast,
- C who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.
- L Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say,
- C "The LORD will surely separate me from his people"; and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree."
- L For thus says the LORD: To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
- C who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant,
- L I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters;
- C I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.
- L And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,
- C everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—
- L these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;
- ALL for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin

- L God our Father, You sent Your Son full of grace and truth: forgive our failure to receive Him fully.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L Jesus our Savior, You were born in poverty and laid in a manger: forgive our greed and rejection of Your ways.
- C Christ, have mercy.
- L Spirit of Love, Your servant Mary responded joyfully to Your call: forgive the hardness of our hearts.
- C Lord, have mercy.

(from the Book of Common Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing. (*Zephaniah 3:17*)

Songs of Worship – 2

Offering and Doxology

New Testament Reading – Mark 2:23-28

One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Reader: "The Word of the Lord" Congregation: "Thanks Be to God"

Welcome / Announcements

Dismissal of Children to Children's Church

Song of Preparation – 1

Sermon Text – Exodus 20:8-11

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Sermon – "Rest and Rejoice"

Song of Response – 1

Benediction