

## Order of Worship

### MARCH 12, 2023

#### **Meditation: Hebrews 13:4**

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

#### **Songs of Adoration – 2**

#### **Call to Worship – Revelation 19:4-9** *(Responsive Reading)*

L - And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying,

C - “Amen. Hallelujah!”

L - And from the throne came a voice saying,

C - “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.”

L - Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude,

C - like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

L - “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

C - Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,

L - for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

C - it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”—

L - for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me,

C - “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”

ALL - And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

#### **Prayer of Adoration**

#### **Confession of Sin**

Most 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; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent; for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

*(from the Book of Common Prayer)*

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

L - If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C - But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be revered.

*(Psalm 130:3-4)*

## **Songs of Worship – 2**

### **Offering and Doxology**

#### **Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 62:1-5**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

*Reader: "The Word of the Lord"*

*Congregation: "Thanks Be to God"*

### **Welcome / Announcements**

### **Dismissal of Children to Children's Church**

### **Greeting Time**

### **Song of Preparation – 1**

#### **Sermon Text – Matthew 5:31-32**

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'<sup>32</sup> But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery."

#### **Sermon - "What About Divorce?"**

### **Song of Response – 1**

### **Benediction**