

## **Order of Worship OCTOBER 24, 2021**

### **Meditation – Isaiah 46:3-4**

Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

### **Songs of Adoration – 2**

#### **Call to Worship – Psalm 40:4-10**

Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart. I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation."

### **Prayer of Adoration**

#### **Confession of Sin**

L- We ourselves were once foolish and disobedient. We were easily led astray.

We were slaves to passion and pleasure, malice and envy.

C- Forgive us when we defy Your authority.

L- You saved us, not because of our own good works, but by Your mercy.

C- Forgive us when we speak evil and when we lack courtesy for others.

L- You washed us and renewed us with Your Spirit.

C- Forgive us when we have no self-control.

L- You justified us by Your grace alone, and You made us Your children.

C- Forgive us when we create divisions and quarrel among ourselves. Purify us, O God.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

L- There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

C- This is the truth. Praise the Lord!

*(from 45<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, adapted from Romans 8:1)*

### **Songs of Worship – 2**

### **Offering and Doxology**

## **Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 51:1-6**

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

*Reader: "The Word of the Lord"*

*Congregation: "Thanks Be to God"*

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

### **Announcements**

### **Song of Preparation – 1**

**Sermon** – "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."  
*(James Richters)*

### **Sermon Text – Luke 12:22-34**

And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup> For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. <sup>32</sup> "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

### **Song of Invitation – 1**

### **Lord's Supper**

### **Song of Response – 1**

### **Benediction**