

Order of Worship
JULY 10, 2022

Meditation – Matthew 7:13-14 (Doc Murdoc)

Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Songs of Adoration (Jordan & Veronica Eberlein)

Call to Worship – Psalm 147:5-11 (Kwadwo Burgee)

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Prayer of Adoration (Kwadwo Burgee)

Confession of Sin (Doc Murdoc)

Lord, You are our Shepherd, yet we still want. You promise us rest, but we refuse to be still. You are our Righteousness, but we look to our own works. You are with us, yet we still fear and do not trust your promises of protection. Lord, forgive us. Cause us to embrace your goodness and mercy that we may truly believe that You will be with us all the days of our life. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen. *(adapted from Psalm 23)*

Assurance of Pardon (Doc Murdoc)

Hear the comforting words of Jesus for those who come to Him with their nothing: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Brothers and sisters, the pardon of Christ is a grace that is greater than all our sin. You are forgiven.

(adapted from Matthew 5:3)

Songs of Worship (Jordan & Veronica Eberlein)

Offering and Doxology (Doc Murdoc) (Jordan & Veronica Eberlein)

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 1:1-6 (Teisha Burgee)

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Reader: "The Word of the Lord"

Congregation: "Thanks Be to God"

Welcome/Announcements (Craig Clarke)

Prayer for & Dismissal of Children to Children's Church (Craig Clarke)

Song of Preparation (Jordan & Veronica Eberlein)

Sermon Text – Luke 13:22-30 (James Richters)

He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷ But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹ And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Sermon – "The Narrow Door" (James Richters)

Song of Response (Jordan & Veronica Eberlein)

Benediction (James Richters)