

**Order of Worship**  
**AUGUST 21, 2022**

**Meditation – Psalm 16:11**

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Songs of Adoration – 1**

**Call to Worship – Psalm 27:1-8**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

**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**

#### **New Testament Reading – Matthew 5:21-26**

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

*Reader: “The Word of the Lord”*

*Congregation: “Thanks Be to God”*

### **The Gideons International - Presentation and Special Offering**

#### **Welcome / Announcements**

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

#### **Song of Preparation – 1**

#### **Sermon Text – Exodus 20:13**

You shall not murder.

#### **Sermon – “Taking Life Unlawfully”**

#### **Song of Response – 1**

#### **Benediction**