

Order of Worship OCTOBER 2, 2022

Meditation – Hebrews 13:5-6

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Songs of Adoration – 2

Call to Worship – Psalm 73:21-28 *(Responsive Reading)*

L - When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,

C - I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.

L - Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.

C - You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

L - Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

C - My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

L - For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

ALL - But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

(adapted from the Book of Common Worship)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus: "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Brothers and sisters, the pardon of Christ is a grace that is greater than all our sin. You are forgiven.

(adapted from Matthew 11:28-30)

Songs of Worship – 2

Offering and Doxology

New Testament Reading – 1 Timothy 6:6-12

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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 20:17

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Sermon – "The Joy of Contentment"

Song of Response – 1

Benediction