

Order of Worship

JANUARY 15, 2023

Meditation – Colossians 4:6

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Songs of Adoration – 2

Call to Worship – Psalm 107:1-9 *(Responsive Reading)*

L - Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

C - Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble

L - and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,

C - from the north and from the south.

L - Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;

C - hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

L - Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

C - He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

L - Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

ALL - For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin

Your Word tells us that our hearts are deceitful above all things and desperately sick- and in our thoughts and by our actions we know this is true. We are grieved that in our sin we boast from our hearts as if all that we have is ours by our own efforts. Our hearts are broken because, even as You bless us with your grace and good gifts, we then boast in these gifts instead of in You. Forgive us, Lord God! Forgive us that we are so easily satisfied with the glory of this broken world instead of the glory of Your grace. Have mercy on us, O God, and in Your mercy and love hear us and forgive through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(adapted from a confession at 44th General Assembly)

Assurance of Pardon

L - For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds, you have been healed.

C - Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

(adapted from 44th General Assembly, from II Cor. 5:21, I Peter 2:24, Gal. 6:14)

Songs of Worship – 2

Offering and Doxology

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 44:1-8

“But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams. This one will say, ‘I am the LORD’s,’ another will call on the name of Jacob, and another will write on his hand, ‘The LORD’s,’ and name himself by the name of Israel.” Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

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 – Matthew 5:13

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

Sermon – “Are You Salty?”

Song of Response – 1

Benediction