

# Order of Worship

## JUNE 18, 2023

### **Meditation: Matthew 24:29-30**

Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

### **Songs of Adoration**

#### **Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-6**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

### **Prayer of Adoration**

#### **Confession of Sin**

L - God our Father, You sent Your Son full of grace and truth:  
forgive our failure to receive Him fully.

C - Lord, have mercy.

L - Jesus our Savior, You were born in poverty and laid in a manger: forgive our greed and rejection of Your ways.

C - Christ, have mercy.

L - Spirit of Love, Your servant Mary responded joyfully to Your call:  
forgive the hardness of our hearts.

C - Lord, have mercy.

*(from the Book of Common Prayer)*

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing. *(Zephaniah 3:17)*

### **Songs of Worship**

### **Offering and Doxology**

## **N.T. Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

*Reader: "The Word of the Lord"*

*Congregation: "Thanks Be to God"*

## **Welcome / Announcements**

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

## **Greeting Time**

## **Song of Preparation**

## **Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 12:1-7**

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them"; <sup>2</sup> before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, <sup>3</sup> in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, <sup>4</sup> and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low— <sup>5</sup> they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets— <sup>6</sup> before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, <sup>7</sup> and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

**Sermon Title: "Remember Your Creator"** (*James Richters*)

## **Song of Response**

## **Benediction**