

**Order of Worship**  
**JUNE 5, 2022**

**Meditation – 2 Timothy 4:1-2**

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

**Songs of Adoration – 2**

**Call to Worship – Psalm 42:1-8 (Responsive Reading)**

L - As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

C - My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

L - When shall I come and appear before God?

C - My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long,  
“Where is your God?”

L - These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:

C - how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

L - Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

C - Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

L - My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

C - Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls;

L - all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.

ALL - By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Confession of Sin**

L - All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us.

C - Lord, be gracious to our sins.

L - Master, pardon our transgressions.

C - Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your Name's sake. Amen.

*(Adapted from a traditional Orthodox confession)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

*(From the Book of Common Prayer)*

**Songs of Worship – 2**

**Offering and Doxology**

## **Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 34:12-16**

As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

*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 – 3 John**

The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. <sup>3</sup> For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. <sup>4</sup> I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. <sup>5</sup> Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, <sup>6</sup> who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. <sup>7</sup> For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. <sup>8</sup> Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth. <sup>9</sup> I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. <sup>10</sup> So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. <sup>12</sup> Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true. <sup>13</sup> I had much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink. <sup>14</sup> I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face. <sup>15</sup> Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name.

### **Sermon – "Pastoral Leadership"**

### **Song of Response – 1**

### **Benediction**