Order of Worship

**MARCH 17, 2024**

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who are sad and long for comfort;*

*to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want friendship; to all who hunger and thirst for something real and lasting; and to all who come here, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Prelude** (*Please silence cell phones at this time*)

**Welcoming Song:**  *“Good Good Father”*

**Welcome Guests and Greeting**\*

**Scriptural Greeting: (***Isaiah 43:1-3, NIV) Pastor Dustin*

**Leader: Fear not, for I have redeemed you;**

**I have summoned you by name; you are mine.**

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;**

**and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.**

**When you walk through the fire,**

**you will not be burned;**

**the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD, your God,**

**the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.**

**Call to Worship:**  *Elder Roy Palk, Liturgist*

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth. Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

**People: He is the Highest of all creation, yet he lives among the least.**

Leader: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary. Come now, all who thirst, and drink the water of life.

**People: Come now, all who hunger,**

**and be filled with the goodness of God.**

**Public Prayer of Confession:** *Pastor Dustin*

**ALL:** 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, and 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 grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;

through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Lord, hear our prayers.

**Private and Silent Confession**

**Choir: “Draw Me Close/Seek Ye First”**

**Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel** *Elder Sondra Jester, Liturgist*

 Liturgist: (*from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A’s 59-60)*

 *By true faith in Jesus Christ,*

 *I am right with God and heir to life everlasting.*

 *Even though my conscience accuses me*

 *of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments*

 *and of never having kept any of them,*

 *and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless,*

 *without my deserving it at all,*

 *out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me*

 *the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,*

 *as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,*

 *as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.*

 *All I need to do*

 *is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.*

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Congregational Singing: #502** *“In My Heart There Rings A Melody”*

**Teaching Moment:**  *“From the Sermon on the Mount”*

*Pastor Dustin*

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

**Offering and Offertory**

*(You are welcome to place your offering at the plates at this time, or one of the plates as you leave Worship, which are located near the exits. You may also give online. God bless you!)*

**Offering Song** *“The Church in the Wildwood” by William Pitts arr. Ken Gallo*

**Doxology**

**Offertory Prayer to Thank God and Bless the Givers**

**Worship Through Music: *#635 “In the Garden ”***

**Prayer for the World and those in Need.**

**\*\*\*Announcements**

 *-Generosity/Giving*

 *-Fellowship Time \*\*\*Welcome and Invite* ***GUESTS*** *to breakfast\*\*\**

 *-Opportunities to Serve this church: Sound booth, projector and screen, children ministry, church finance department*

 *-NEW MEMBERS CLASS IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 24*

 *-\*\*\*Point out the members of consistory: these are the spiritual leaders of the church. if you need anything please grab them today.*

***-\*\*\*Go to back to shake hands!***

Happy Birthday song to all March Birthdays

**Benediction**