Order of Worship

**April 7, 2024**

**Communion Sunday**

*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*)

**Opening Song: “Were You There/I’ll Fly Away/Will the Circle”**

**Welcome and Greeting**\*

**Worship Through Music: HYMN #705 “It Is Well With My Soul”**

**Call to Worship** *(Psalm 100) Elder Roy Palk, Liturgist*

 Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

 **People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

 we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

 **People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;**

Leader: **give thanks to him and praise his name.**

 **People: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;**

 **his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**ALL: Eternal God, you do not change.**

 **You have revealed yourself to us in your Word.**

 **You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.**

 **But we confess that we often worship**

 **not your true self but who we wish you to be.**

 **We too often ask you to bless what we do**

 **rather than seeking to do what you bless.**

 **Forgive us for seeking concessions**

 **when we should be seeking guidance.**

 **Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want**

 **instead of shaping us into what you want.**

 **Help us to meet you here, that we might bow**

 **before your unspeakable majesty**

 **and so live for you now and ever, in Christ.**

 **Lord, hear our prayers.**

**(A time for quiet prayer and musical meditation)**

**CHOIR: “We Remember You”**

**Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel** *(Psalm 14:13-14, NRSV)*

 *Callie Brunelli, Liturgist*

**Liturgist**: The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

**Friends:** receive, believe and go forth in the truth that is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Worship Through Music: #368 “He Lives”**

**Teaching Moment:**  “The Beatitudes: Blessed are the poor in Spirit and the Mourning”

*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: #513 “Thank you, Lord”** *(Arr. Ken Gallo)*

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

*(The Lord’s Supper will be available in cups as you enter the church. Please hold the bread and cup until we take them together as the body of Christ.)*

**Closing Song: #597 “Take My Life and Let it Be”**

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

**\*\*\*Announcements**

*-Fellowship Time*

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

**Benediction**