Order of Worship

**July 21, 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*)

**Welcome Members, Guests, Facebook, and Greeting**\*

**Opening Congregational Hymn: # 90 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

### **Call to Worship:   Liturgist: David Smukala**

### **Matthew 21:18-22**

**Leader:In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry.**

People: And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, “May no fruit ever come from you again!” And the fig tree withered at once.

**Leader: When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither at once?”**

People: And Jesus answered them, “Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen.

**Leader:And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”**

**ALL:** To him be glory forever. Amen!!

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**Profession of Faith:      Elder Palk**

**ALL:**

**O Lord, source of all light and life,
illumine us with your wisdom,
that what we do at this time may be pleasing in your sight;
that your church may be strengthened and increased; and
that your name be glorified among your people
in both the church and the world.**

**Make us aware daily if the riches gained from studying your word and being willing to practice the lessons learned in our daily lives to your glory.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Public Prayer of Confession:   Elder Palk**

**Gracious God, You have made us for Yourself. Therefore, our hearts are restless until we rest in You. We hear this. We know this, and through faith in you we believe this. And yet, we often demand instant conveniences and prioritize personal agendas over relationship with You. We become impatient and forget that you do all things in your way and in your time. Forgive us and let us hear again the invitation to come to You, especially when our burdens are heavy. For You are our rest, our redemption, our renewal, and our resurrection.**

**Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

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**A Time for Private Prayer and Silent Confession**

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**Words of Assurance and Pardon ofthe Gospel**

 **Liturgist: Dave Vande Vrede**

**Psalm 3, verses 1,2,7, and 8**

**Lord, how many are my foes!
    How many rise up against me!
Many are saying of me,
“God will not deliver him”.**

**Arise, Lord!
    Deliver me, my God!
Strike all my enemies on the jaw;
    break the teeth of the wicked.**

**From the Lord comes deliverance.
    May your blessing be on your people.**

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

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**Congregational Singing: # 585, Be Still and Know**

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**Teaching Moment: Elder Palk**

**Our Faith, are we water skiing or deep-sea diving?**

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**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-Deacons please collect the Offering**

*(You are welcome to place your offering in 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!)*

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**Doxology**

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

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**Closing Song: # 727, Faith is the Victory**

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**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*

 *-\*\*\*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!***

**Benediction**

**Almighty Sustainer**, **in a world riddled with doubt and uncertainty, be the anchor of our faith. Let not the waves of skepticism drown the flames of our belief. Instead, let our faith rise, unwavering and steadfast. Even when we cannot see the next step, allow our trust in Your plan to be the guiding light.**

**May we go from this place armed with invigoration and dedication to grow our faith and do good works for others for your glory.**

**And all God’s people said Amen!!**