Order of Worship

**August 18, 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 Songs:**  ***“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*** *and*

***“This Little Light of Mine”***

**Welcome Guests and Greeting**\*

**Call to Worship:** (Psalm 24:7-10) ***Elder Roy Palk, Liturgist***

Reader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

**People: Who is this King of glory?**

Reader: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

**People: Lift up your heads, O you gates;**

**lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Reader: Who is he, this King of glory?

**People: The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.**

**Opening Prayer for Worship: *Dave Vande Vrede, Liturgist***

ALL: Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.

Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.

Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.

Here may the tempted find help, and the sad and lonely find comfort.

Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.

Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired;

And above all else, here may you be glorified forever and ever.

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Unison Prayer of Confession: *Pastor Dustin***

ALL: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways,

in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light

and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Lord, hear our prayers…

*(A Time for Private, Silent Prayer)*

**Assurance of the Pardon of the Lord Jesus Christ: *Jeanie Smith, Liturgist***

Reader: May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.

**People: Thank you Lord! Amen!**

**Congregational Singing: “Bless the Lord/10,000 Reasons”**

 ***“I Surrender All”***

 ***“Jesus Paid It All”***

**Teaching Moment:** *“On Retaliation”*

*Matthew 5:38-42*

*Pastor Dustin*

*“Sermon on the Mount” Series*

**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**

*(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!)*

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

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

**Worship Through Music: *“How Great Thou Art”***

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

**\*\*\*Announcements**

 *-Generosity/Giving*

 *-Fellowship Time*

 *-Need for readers!!!*

 *\*\*\*Welcome and Invite* ***GUESTS*** *to breakfast\*\*\**

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

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

**Benediction**