Order of Worship

**September 22, 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:**  #429 **“They’ll Know We Are Christians”**

**Welcome Guests and Greeting**\*

**Call to Worship:** *(Matthew 11:28-29; Psalm 118:24) Elder Roy Palk, Liturgist*

Reader: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” This is the day the LORD has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

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

Leader: When we gather to praise God, we admit that we are people who have preferred our wills to his.

**People**: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: As we lean into his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**People**: **Lord, hear our prayers.**

*(A Time for Private, Silent Prayer)*

**Assurance of the Pardon of the Lord Jesus Christ: *Deacon Donna Brown, Liturgist***

Reader: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Reader: The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Reader: Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Congregational Singing:** #410 **“Standing On the Promises”**

 **“Because He Lives”**

**Teaching Moment:** *“Justice versus Revenge”*

*Matthew 5:43ff*

*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:** #426 **“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”**

**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**