Order of Worship

**September 29, 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: #602 “I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”**

**Welcome Guests and Greeting**\*

**Call to Worship:** *(based on Psalm 118:24)*  *Elder Roy Palk, Liturgist*

Reader: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Again today we come together to worship— the God of creation, of salvation, of time and eternity!

**People: Praise the Lord. All that is within me, Praise God’s holy name.**

Reader: Praise the Lord and remember all his kindnesses: in forgiving our sins; in curing our diseases; in saving us from destruction; in surrounding us with love.

**People: The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.**

Reader: The Lord is slow to anger and willing to give us gifts of love.

**People: Praise the Lord! Oh, all that is within me, praise the Lord.**

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

Leader: Dear Jesus,it is hard to forgive people when they hurt us and our friends.

We want to react, retaliate and get even—and sometimes we do.

But you teach us to love our enemies no matter what they do.

Forgive us, Lord Jesus,when we do not forgive others.

Help us to understand why people hurt others,

and let our hearts be filled with love for them.

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

Leader: In you there is forgiveness for repentance. So let us confess our sins with an honest heart.

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

*(A Time for Private, Silent Prayer)*

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

Reader: To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God’s Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God.

**People: Thanks be to God. Hallelujah!**

**Congregational Singing: #597 “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”**

**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**