Order of Worship

**January 12, 2025**

**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: HYMN #147 “How Great Thou Art”**

**Welcome and Greeting**\*

**CHOIR: “ Isn’t He”**

**Call to Worship** *Elder Roy Palk, Liturgist*

Leader: The earth is the Lord’s, for he made it:

**People: Come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**People: Come, let us adore him.**

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

**People: Come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

**People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

**Prayer of Confession: Pastor Dustin**

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

**People: Forgive us, O God.**

Leader: You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

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

Leader: Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.In Jesus’ name. Lord, hear our prayers.

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

**Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel** *(based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17) Bill Sandhoff, Liturgist*

**Liturgist**: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation! The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and beat peace. Thanks be to God.

**Worship Through Music:#581 “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”**

**Teaching Moment:**

*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**

**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: “Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”**

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

**\*\*\*Announcements**

*-Fellowship Time*

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

*-Consistory Meeting*

**Benediction**

“You go nowhere by accident.

Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there.

He has purpose in putting you there.

Christ who indwells you has something

He wants to do through you

wherever you are.

Believe this and go in His grace and love and power.”

* Dick Halverson, former Chaplain of the US Congress

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV

https://bible.com/bible/111/eph.3.20-21.NIV