

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

June 14, 2015 11:00 a.m.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Prayer of Preparation

Holy Father, You are our only sure refuge when storms rage about us and unsettle our hearts.

As we draw near to worship You, rescue us from despair; deliver us from fear, and preserve us from unbelief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

REJOICE IN THE FRIEND OF SINNERS

Samuel Metzger, organ CHORAL INTROIT: "My God Is So High" arr. Moses Hogan My God is so high you can't get over Him; He's so low you can't get under Him, He's so wide you can't get 'round Him, you must come in by and through the Lamb. One day as I was a walkin' along the heavenly road, My Savior spoke unto me and He filled my heart with His love. I'll take my gospel trumpet and I'll begin to blow, And if my Savior helps me, I'll blow wherever I go. The Chancel Choir Ginger Statom, Soloist Gabriel C. Statom, Director CALL TO WORSHIPT. Barton Kimbro HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 498 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"..... HYFRYDOL stanzas 1-3 ♦FIRST GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 11:16-19Blanche P. Tosh "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'

The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him!

A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find; He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

REST IN THE GOD OF MERCY

HYMN OF CONFESSION: No. 496 "Kind and Merciful God, We Have Sinned!..... ELFAKER stanzas 1-3 CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Faithful Father. we come as unentitled beggars to Your throne of mercy asking Your forgiveness for our struggle with unbelief. Too often our emotions and circumstances dictate our daily lives rather than Your promises. Pardon our faithless, graceless, prayerless, thankless, and loveless hearts. Draw us again to Yourself with the cords of Your unfailing love and tender mercies and strengthen our faith in You. For we pray in Jesus' name, Amen. INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON
 †HYMN OF RESPONSE.
 ELFAKER
 Kind and merciful God, in Christ's death on the cross You provided a cleansing from sin; Speak the words that forgive that henceforth we may live By the might of Your Spirit within. Kind and merciful God, bid us lift up our heads And command us to rise from our knees; May our hearts now be changed and no longer estranged, Through the pow'r of Your pardon and peace. PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS......Ronald G. Sadlow OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Let Everything That Hath Breath"Jeffrey Ames Sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Declare His glory among the nations. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! Magnify the Lord with me and exalt His name together. Hallelujah, bless His name for He's worthy to be praised. Clap your hands all ye people. Shout with the voice of triumph! For the Mighty Lord is great and greatly to be praised. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Come on and praise the Lord. Let's all praise His name. Give Him the highest praise. Praise Him, the Lord. Praise Him with the timbrel, praise Him with the dance. Stand up on your feet and just lift up holy hands. Sing "Hallelujah," praise His holy name. For the Lord is worthy to be praised. Let's praise the Lord. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. You ought to praise Him!

 ♦DOXOLOGY......OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

†GREETINGS

DEEPLY ROOTED UPDATE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE 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.

RELY ON THE SON OF MAN

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON Believe or Die in Your Sin Gerry A. Peak

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♦CLOSING HYMN: No. 308 "Jesus Paid It All"......ALL TO CHRIST

†BENEDICTION

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "March" from Athalie Felix Mendelssohn

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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