For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples
**Order for the Worship of God**

On the Lord’s Day Morning
Ascension Sunday
May 29, 2022, at 10:30

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Welcome**

**Introit**

*We Have Come to See Jesus*

Words & Music by Ronald Owen

We’ve come into his presence with our hearts in our hands.  
We have come to see Jesus to obey his commands.  
We have come here as children with our arms open wide.  
We have come to see Jesus. We have nothing to hide.  
We have come to see Jesus, just to gaze on his face.  
To behold all his goodness, all his mercy and grace.

† congregation standing  
¤ congregation kneeling
† Call to Worship

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

† Hymn of Praise

Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim
Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #12

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

† New Testament Reading

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Worship begins when God, through the pastor ministering in his name, summons us to the praise of his glory.

The Lord is “enthroned on the praise” of his people (Psalm 22:3).

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).
**Prayer of Confession**

Unison: O God of mercy and justice, in your holy presence we confess our sin. You have shown us what is good and what you require of us. But we have not done justice, loved mercy, or walked humbly with you, our God. We have not loved you as we ought, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for our sin and restore us to paths of righteousness for Christ’s namesake. Amen.

*Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

From 1 John 1

Minister: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

**Pastoral Prayer**

“In the assurance of pardon, tired and weary sinners are comforted with the good news of God’s grace and forgiveness.”

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy” (Proverbs 28:13).
Unison: This covenant [of grace] was differently administered in the time of the law, and in the time of the gospel: under the law, it was administered by promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the paschal lamb, and other types and ordinances delivered to the people of the Jews, all foresignifying Christ to come; which were for that time, sufficient and efficacious, through the operation of the Spirit, to instruct and build up the elect in faith in the promised Messiah, by whom they had full remission of sins, and eternal salvation; and is called, the Old Testament.

Under the gospel, when Christ, the substance, was exhibited, the ordinances in which this covenant is dispensed are the preaching of the Word, and the administration of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper: which, though fewer in number, and administered with more simplicity, and less outward glory, yet, in them it is held forth in more fullness, evidence, and spiritual efficacy, to all nations, both Jews and Gentiles; and is called the New Testament. There are not therefore two covenants of grace, differing in substance, but one and the same, under various dispensations.

Unison: Thanks be to God!
Children are welcome for our entire service. Following the Gloria, a specifically designed time for children aged four through first grade is also provided. Those interested can meet at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

“*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves*” (James 1:22).

This prayer is a plea that God who said, “*Let light shine out of darkness,*” would open our eyes to the light of his glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

† Gloria #735

Glory Be to the Father

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‡ Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Pew Bible, page 602

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

† Prayer for Illumination

Dr. Nicholas Reid

Proclamation of God’s Word

_The Servant of the Lord_
“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9).

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Write Your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
there to remain so indelibly engraved, that no prosperity or adversity shall ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defense,
a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress,
and a faithful guide to the courts of heaven,
through the many temptations and dangers of this life.

O Jesu, my only Savior!
Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart.
†Doxology #731

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 Dedication

†Benediction

†Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #263 (Verses 1 & 4)

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

The singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs in gathered worship is a means of grace that God has appointed that we might be filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18–19).
Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord; praise him, you servants of the Lord. Ps. 135:1

1. Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim; all ye his servants, praise his name, who in the Lord’s house
2. I know the Lord is high in state, above all gods our Lord is great; the Lord performs what
3. Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim; all ye his servants, praise his name, who in the Lord’s house

ever and humbly serve at his com-
he decrees, in heav’n and earth, in depths and
ever stand and humbly serve at his com-
mand. The Lord is good, his praise proclaim; since
seas. He makes the vapors to ascend in
mand. Forever praise and bless his name, and

it is pleasant, praise his name; his people for his
clouds from earth’s remotest end; the lightnings flash at
in the church his praise proclaim; in Zion is his

own he takes and his peculiar treasure makes.
his command; he holds the tempest in his hand.
dwelling place; praise ye the Lord, show forth his grace.

Psalm 135:1-7, 21
The Psalter, 1912

CREATION L.M.D.
From Franz Joseph Haydn, The Creation, 1798; arr.
For Your Gift of God the Spirit

You were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance. Eph. 1:13, 14

1. For your gift of God the Spirit, pow’r to make our lives anew, pledge of life and hope and glory, Savior, we would worship you.
2. He who in creation’s dawn brooded on the lifeless deep, still across our nature’s darkness moves to wake our souls from sleep, holiness passages and reveals our risen Lord.
3. He, himself the living Author, wakes to life the sacred Word, reads with us its holy pages and calls in danger’s hour.
4. He, the mighty God, indwells us; his to strength, help, empower; his to overcome our hearts may rule today, grieved not, quenched not, but unimpeded, work in us his sovereign way.
Crowning gift of resurrection sent from moves to stir, to draw, to quicken, thrusts us
He it is who works within us, teaching
In his strength we dare to battle all the
Fill us with your holy fullness, God the

your ascended throne, fullness of the
through with sense of sin; brings to birth and
reb el hearts to pray, he whose holy
raging hosts of sin, and by him a
Father, Spirit, Son; in us, through us,

very Godhead, come to make your life our own.
seals and fills us—saving Advocate within.
in intercessions rise for us both night and day.
lone we conquer foes without and foes within.
then, forever, shall your perfect will be done.
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

1. Come behold the wondrous mys’t’ry in the dawn-ing of the King; He the
theme of hea-ven’s prai-ses robed in frail hu-ma-ni-ty. In our
long-ing, in our dark-ness now the Light of Life has come; look to
true and bet-ter A-dam come to save the hell-bound man; Christ the
price of our re-demp-tion see the Fa-ther’s plan un-fold; bring-ing
fore-taste of de-liv’rance how un-wa-ver-ing our hope; Christ in

2. Come be-hold the wondrous mys’t’ry He the per-fect Son of Man; in His
liv-ing, in His suf-fer-ing ne-ver trace nor stain of sin. See the
stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the Lamb in vic-to-ry. See the

3. Come be-hold the wondrous mys’t’ry Christ the Lord up-on the tree; in the
grave could e’er re-strain Him praise the Lord; He is a-live! What a

4. Come be-hold the wondrous mys’t’ry slain by death the God of life; but no

Christ, who descended took on flesh to ransom
great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we
many sons to glory grace unmeasured, love un-
power resurrected as we will be when He
us.
stand.
told.
2. Come be-
3. Come be-
4. Come be-
comes. What a foretaste of deliverance how un-
waiving our
hope; Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes.

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Lift High the Cross

I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself. John 12:32

Unison

(Ref.) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
4. Thy kingdom come, that earth’s despair may cease

our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

George W. Kitchin, 1887
Rev. by Michael R. Newbolt, 1916; alt. 1990
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Sydney H. Nicholson, 1916
The Servant of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9 | Dr. Nicholas Reid

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The Big Idea: Emerging from the ashes of the exile will come a servant of the Lord who will establish his kingdom of justice, which will constitute not only the hope of Israel but the hope of the nations.

i. God speaks of his servant (vv. 1-4)

ii. God speaks to his servant (vv. 5-9)
**Daily Bible Reading Plan**

*Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.*

- **Sunday, May 29**
  - Exodus 37:25-29 • Luke 8:16-25 • Isaiah 5:8-30 • 2 Cor. 13:1-10
- **Monday, May 30**
- **Tuesday, May 31**
  - Exodus 38:8 • Luke 8:40-56 • Isaiah 7:1-17 • Galatians 1:6-24
- **Wednesday, June 1**
- **Thursday, June 2**
- **Friday, June 3**
- **Saturday, June 4**
- **Sunday, June 5**

**Weekly Sermon Discussion Questions**

*Use these questions to reflect more deeply on this week’s sermon.*

1. While others are described as God’s servants, how is this servant different?

2. How does the coming of Christ move us forward in redemptive history?

3. This passage challenges us to realize that God can use people without being pleased with them. God does not just care about what we do for him; he also cares how we go about that work. What are some of the ways we can honor and glorify God while living in this fallen and sinful world?

**Monthly Scripture Memorization**

“I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment” (1 Corinthians 1:10).
ABOUT WORSHIP

In his encounter with the woman of Samaria, Jesus explained that “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). The reason Jesus says true worshipers must worship in this way is because God himself “is spirit.” Here we discover the simple yet profound principle that true worship is a response to God as he has personally revealed himself. Thus, conformity to God’s character is the key to true worship. “Great is the LORD,” as the psalmist puts it, “and greatly to be praised” (Psalm 48:1)! In worship, we seek to reflect this divine reality, declaring with our lips and demonstrating with our lives that God is supremely precious and therefore worthy of all glory and honor and praise.

THE SHAPE OF WORSHIP

Entering God’s Presence—We gather in response to God’s call to worship, joyfully offering praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With reverence and awe, we confess our sins and receive God’s forgiveness, which is declared in Jesus’ name.

Renewing Our Faith—Worship continues with a focus on God’s Word. Our faith is renewed as we publicly confess the truth of God, join our hearts and voices in prayers and hymns of praise to God, and hear the good news of God powerfully proclaimed.

Responding in Thanks—As hearing becomes doing, we respond to the proclamation of God’s Word. Songs of praise continue to be raised and the gifts and offerings of God’s people are collected. On Communion Sundays we are invited to celebrate the Lord’s Supper. With God’s blessing upon us, we are sent into the world to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

Why Do We Worship in This Way?

In this section, we answer a question about worship each week.

Question: What are the colored hangings on the pulpit and why do they change?

Answer: These hangings are called “paraments” and they change as we celebrate the five great “evangelical feasts” of the church year: Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. These liturgical colors have an instructive purpose, helping us to mark time and pointing us to key events in the life of Christ and the great work of redemption that he has accomplished.
**Welcome Visitors!**

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. Our hope is that you find our worship service glorifying to God and personally refreshing.

We would love to connect with you. Please stop by our New Visitor Table in the Narthex after the service so that we may greet you in person and provide you a Welcome Bag. To connect with us, please use the QR code below to fill out a Connect Card.

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**Our Vision**

To see the invisible kingdom of heaven made visible, for the glory of God and the joy of all peoples.

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**Our Mission**

To grow in grace and give away our lives in the following seven major ministry areas:

- **Worship** that exalts God in Christ and promotes unity in the Spirit
- **Discipleship** that is rooted in the Scriptures and centered in the gospel
- **Community** that is characterized by discipleship and care for one another
- **Local Missions** that promotes the common good and evangelizes the lost
- **Global Missions** that participates in church planting and spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth
- **Children’s Ministry** that partners with parents to build children up in the faith through loving care and Reformed biblical teaching
- **Youth Ministry** that promotes maturity, joy, and identity in Christ