Order for the Public Worship of God

LORD'S DAY – August 30, 2020 at 10:30 am

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can flesh do to me?"

Psalm 56:3-4

Welcome & announcements

Prelude (Silent prayer and heart preparation for worship)

*Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Psalm 46) ... #92

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;

Our helper he amid the flood, Of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe, Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great; And armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing; Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth his name, From age to age the same, And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed, His truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, For lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours, Through him who with us sideth; Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also; The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is for ever.

*Prayer of Adoration & 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"

Responsive Reading Psalm 56:1-13

Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me;

- ² my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly.
- ³ When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
- ⁴ In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?
- ⁵ All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil.
- ⁶ They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life.

⁷ For their crime will they escape? In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!

- ⁸ You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?
- ⁹ Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me.
- ¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise,
- ¹¹ in God I trust: I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?
- ¹² I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. ¹³ For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

I John 3:17

"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?"

Assurance of Pardon

I John 3:16

"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers."

*Hymn of Preparation

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my Light my strength my song, This Cornerstone this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled when strivings cease,

My Comforter my all in all; Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe, This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied, For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain, Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

On Christ the Solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand. (*repeat*)

No guilt in life no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me, From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand, 'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Morning Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offering (Offering boxes in front)

"Trust and Obey"

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When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, But his smile quickly drives it away; Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear, Can abide while we trust and obey. *Refrain*

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, But our toil he doth richly repay; Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross, But is blest if we trust and obey. *Refrain*

But we never can prove the delights of his love, Until all on the altar we lay; For the favor he shows, and the joy he bestows, Are for them who will trust and obey. *Refrain*

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, Or we will walk by his side in the way; What he says we will do, where he sends we will go, Never fear, only trust and obey. *Refrain*

Reading of God's Word (p.871) Luke 12:4-7

Preaching of God's Word ... Rev. Dean Rydbeck

Trusting God in Fearful Times

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Words of Institution
Serving of the bread and the cup
Partaking of the bread and cup & together

*Closing Hymn

"Amazing Grace!"

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Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now I'm found, Was blind but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed.

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Chorus: My chains are gone I've been set free, My God my Savior has ransomed me; And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun; We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we've first begun.

*Benediction

(*Congregation standing, as you are able)