

# *Order of Worship*

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“There has been a long tradition which sees the mission of the Church primarily as obedience to a command. It has been customary to speak of ‘the missionary mandate.’ This way of putting the matter is certainly not without justification, and yet it seems to me that it misses the point. It tends to make mission a burden rather than a joy, to make it part of the law rather than part of the gospel. If one looks at the New Testament evidence one gets another impression. Mission begins with a kind of explosion of joy. The news that the rejected and crucified Jesus is alive is something that cannot possibly be suppressed. It must be told. Who could be silent about such a fact?”

Lesslie Newbigin

“In service which Thy will appoints, there are no bonds for me;  
For my inmost heart is taught “the truth” that makes Thy children “free;”  
And a life of self-renouncing love is a life of liberty.”

Anna Waring

“The hardest task for people who believe in the second coming of Jesus Christ is in ‘living the sort of life that makes people say, ‘Ah, so that’s how people are going to live when righteousness takes over our world.’ The hardest task is simple, persistent faithfulness in our work and in our attitudes – the kind of faithfulness that shows we are being drawn forward by the magnet force of the kingdom of God.”

Cornelius Plantinga

## GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

### Call to Worship

*Revelation Song*

*Lord, I Need You*

### Call to Confession

#### Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.  
You have called us to be your church,  
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused and broken world.  
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,  
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,  
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.  
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.  
Remove the obstacles preventing us  
from being your hands, feet, and faces of love in our broken world.

Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.  
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

"You are a chosen race,  
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's treasured possession,  
in order that you may proclaim the excellencies of him  
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.  
Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;  
Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

1 Peter 2: 9-10

### *Spirit of the Living God*

### Recognition of Teachers

\*Children ages 3-2nd grade are dismissed to their worship class.\*

### Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

*All: And also with you.*

### Welcome and Prayers of the People

John Petty

### Offering and Doxology

### Life Together

David Speakman

### ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

"The Heartbeat of Hope: Engage the World by the Power of the Spirit"

David Speakman

<sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

John 17:15

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

<sup>13</sup> Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

1 Peter 2:9-17

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

All: *Thanks be to God*

*\*Children return to join their families\**

#### FEASTING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

Leader: Therefore let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

All: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

#### Lord's Supper Instructions

- The Lord's Supper is open to anyone who is trusting in Jesus' death and resurrection alone for his or her redemption.
- People come forward from the back rows first to receive the elements.
- White grape juice in cups and gluten free crackers are available at the left and right stations.
- At the middle station, you may receive from the common loaf and cup. We follow the practice of intinction where you dip the bread in the wine.
- If you need prayer, there is a group (including elders) available to pray for anyone in need of prayer in the kitchen. There is also a group of women in the room next to the Connections kiosk who can pray for women. The Lord's Supper is available in both prayer rooms.
- Young children who have made a profession of faith may partake in the Lord's Supper when they have met with and been approved by the Session.

#### Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely,

and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

#### **Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth**

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

#### **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Be Thou My Vision*

#### **ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD**

*May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

#### **Benediction**

“Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Hebrews 13: 20-21