

Order of Worship

August 18th, 2019

“The practice of gaining wisdom and becoming wise is a path that is traveled, not a door that is opened. We usually want the door.”

Les Newsom

“The fear of God is that affectionate reverence, by which the child of God bends himself humbly and carefully to his Father’s law.”

Charles Bridges

“Wisdom is for the humbly eager - one might almost say, for the lover, the suitor . . . It is not for the man ‘wise in his own eyes’: he thinks that he has arrived - and indeed he has, for he will never get a step further. His trouble is not intellectual; he is no fool . . . It is that he does not seriously want to be a better person; whereas the wise person is teachable to the end, open to God’s commands and chastening.”

Derek Kidner

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Come Thou Fount

Call to Worship

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved mercy, or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us
with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Psalm 32:3-5, Romans 8:1

Be Thou My Vision

Covenant of Membership

Sara Crotts
Dick and Gail Erali
Barry and Joyce Swayne
Isaac Warden

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

Katie Moretz

Offering and Doxology

Be a Lamp

Life Together

David Speakman

ATTENDING TO GOD’S WORD

“The Wisdom We Need”

David Speakman

¹ The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:

² To know wisdom and instruction,

to understand words of insight,

³ to receive instruction in wise dealing,

in righteousness, justice, and equity;

⁴ to give prudence to the simple,

knowledge and discretion to the youth—

⁵ Let the wise hear and increase in learning,

and the one who understands obtain guidance,

⁶ to understand a proverb and a saying,

the words of the wise and their riddles.

⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

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.

Steadfast

ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

For All the Saints

Benediction

“May the God of peace fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

Romans 15: 13