

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

** Those who are able, please stand.*

Preparation for Worship

As you open your mind and your heart to God's presence in our midst, we invite you to prepare for today's service as you listen to the organ prelude, which marks the beginning of worship.

Prelude Beautiful Savior Silesian folk melody,
Arr. Johnson

Lighting of the Candles

Choral Introit Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley #80
Vs. 1 and 2 American Spiritual

Call to Worship Psalm 27 selected verses Congregation in **Bold**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "COME, " my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Greetings & Announcements

Visitors: please fill out a visitor's card and place in the offering plate during the offering

Passing of the Peace

* Hymn of Praise Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty # 482

Prayer of Confession

Refuge of our hearts, we must admit that all too often you are not the center of our lives. We find shelter in all the false securities the world offers, rather than seeking the still, sure presence you provide. Our emotions drive our fears, so we end up making foolish choices, rather than being led by your spirit. We turn to the politicians, the celebrities, the commentators to give us guidelines for living, rather than following the ONE. Do not hide your face from us, O God, but turn to us with forgiveness and hope. Be gracious to us, that we might be returned to the fullness love offers. Open our hearts, as well as our eyes, to see the ONE who comes to remind us of what is best within us, the ONE we call Jesus Christ, who leads us in the journey, both in this life, and in the life to come.

Congregation

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing Faith with the Children

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation What Wondrous Love is This? # 85

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1 Congregation

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem I Stand Amazed in His Presence arr. Christopher

2nd Reading Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish

my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jeff Sockwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of God's People

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

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.

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Congregation
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri # 579 Congregation
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

Offerings of the People

Offertory When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Held

*Doxology with Alleluias

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

