

Order of Worship for May 2, 2021

Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Robby Cells
Associate Pastor

The FEED

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Book of Common Worship

Prelude

“Kommst du nun, Jesu”
(from “Lobe den Herren” BWV650)
Dr. Wm. Sullivan, organist

J.S. Bach

Praising

***Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Lynn Packwood
Minister of Music and Pastoral Care

Please wear your mask throughout the service. Especially during the singing of hymns and the reading of liturgy.

***Call to Worship**

1 Kings 8:23, 56-58

Leader: O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart.

People: **Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke through his servant Moses.**

Leader: The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors; may he not leave us or abandon us, but incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways,

People: **And to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our ancestors.**

All: **Blessed be the LORD**

***Hymn No. 77**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

** Please stand, in body or in spirit!*

Confessing

Call to Confession of Faith

Confession of Faith

from The Larger Westminster Catechism
Book of Confessions, 7.113-7.115

The holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.

The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the word of God, by their majesty and purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation.

But the Spirit of God, bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade it that they are the very word of God.

The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Confession Response, No. 374 “All Praise and Thanks to God”

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven.
The one eternal God whom earth and heav'n adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

A Word about Stewardship

Musical Meditation “Nun Danket Alle Gott” from Cantata 79, tr. Means
Dr. Wm. Sullivan, organist

J.S. Bach

Proclaiming

*Scripture Reading

II Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Revelation 19:11-13

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.

*Scripture Response

Psalms 119:103, 105

Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

People: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Sermon Series: Who is God? Scripture

Message: "Who is God? The Authority of Scripture"

Rev. Cella

Responding

*Hymn No. 762

(from *Lift Up Your Hearts*)

"Ancient Words"

ANCIENT WORDS

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People and 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.

Sending

*Hymn No. 312

“How Sure the Scriptures Are”

DARWALL

*Benediction

Rev. Cella

Postlude

“Carillon for a Joyful Day”
Dr. Wm. Sullivan, organist

McKay

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We ask that you maintain social distancing of six feet until you leave the parking lot.

Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized.
Acts 18:8

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