

Order of Worship for October 24, 2021

Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Dave Moore
Lead Pastor

The FEED

Prayer of Preparation

O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner. Grant us the gift of humility, that we may see our own sins clearly and refrain from judging our neighbor. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Book of Common Worship

Prelude

“Festive Flutes”
Dr. Wm. Sullivan, organist

Titcomb

Praising

Prayer of Invocation

Elizabeth Harris

*Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come,

People: Some with laughter and songs of joy, some from a sense of obligation or habit.

Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come, some with hearts heavy with grief; some with distraction or exhaustion.

People: God calls us to worship, and we come, some with eagerness and enthusiasm; some with stress, loneliness, or depression.

Leader: As God’s dearly loved children, we bring all our joy and pain, All our hurt and hope,

People: Into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and hope.

*Hymn No. 77

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LOBE DEN HERREN

* Please stand, in body or in spirit!

Confessing

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Lord, sometimes our lives have such little focus: we have so much to do; we possess so much stuff; we're driven by the need for still more—and it easily seems to control us.

We're sorry, Lord, for how distracted we've become and for losing our way without even realizing it. Forgive us and help us to know that you are the only one we need. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

based on Psalm 91:14-15

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name.

People: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation.

Leader: Receive the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Proclaiming

*Scripture Reading

Acts 24:1, 10-21

And after five days the high priest Ananias came down with some elders and a spokesman, one Tertullus. They laid before the governor their case against Paul.

And when the governor had nodded to him to speak, Paul replied: "Knowing that for many years you have been a judge over this nation, I cheerfully make my defense. You can verify that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem, and they did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd, either in the temple or in the synagogues or in the city. Neither can they prove to you what they now bring up against me. But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust. So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man. Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings. While I was doing this, they found me purified in the temple, without any crowd or tumult. But some Jews from Asia—they ought to be here before you and to make an accusation, should they have anything against me. Or else let these men themselves say what wrongdoing they found when I stood before the council, other than this one thing that I cried out while standing among them: 'It is with respect to the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you this day.'"

***Scripture Response**

Psalm 18:30

Leader: Our God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true;

People: He is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

Sermon Series: The Book of Acts

Message: “Uncomfortable Truth”

Rev. Moore

Responding

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.

Introduction of New Covenant Partners

In Traditional Worship:

Gary Chung and Angel Tong; Cheryl Eaton; Agnes Lee; Anne Liu

In Modern Worship:

Noemi and Lee Simmons; Bob and Martha Wildgen; Jane and Stuart Campbell

Additional new Covenant Partners will be introduced on November 21

Musical Meditation

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

arr. Edwards

Chancel Choir

I sing the mighty pow’r of God, that made the mountains rise;

That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;

The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,

Who formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eye,

If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

In ev’ry plant and flow’r below, thy glories are made known,

And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;

While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;

And ev’rywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

I sing the mighty pow’r of God

Stewardship Video

Hannah Punches

Sending

*Hymn No. 578

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

BEACH SPRING

*Benediction

Rev. Moore

Postlude

“Postlude on ‘Benedicamus Domino’, Op. 69d”
Dr. Wm. Sullivan, organist

Becker

Sanctuary flowers are in loving memory of Jane Kostelc

From the Saturday Sisters,

Floral Arranger: Rita Peterson

Bonhomme Mission Partners:

International:

Comfort Foundation – Russia
El Centro Integral – Honduras
Todd and Julie Hendry
– Croatia, Brazil (Avant)
Daniel and Sarah Puttcamp
– Costa Rica
(Global Outreach)
Ron and Lisa Redell
– Macedonia (SEND Int'l)

Local:

The Freedom School
(Restore STL)
The Haven of Grace
Inside Out Prison Ministry
(Restore STL)
Isaiah 58
Oasis International Ministries
Restore St. Louis

And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of Jesus. Acts 22:16