

Communion Service August 9, 2020

We believe that humans are worshiping beings, made for communion with the Triune God, and that ordering our common worship around the Gospel on Sunday has a profound, formative effect on every part of our lives. This rhythm of Sunday worship is the rhythm of the whole Christian life. It stands counter to all other rhythms that clamor for our attention and allegiance in this world. We offer this Communion service, in this time of pandemic, as a way to reorient our lives, praying that God would form us as we feast on His body and blood together.

#### Welcome

Tune to FM 89.5 to hear the service in your car!

## Call to Worship

Psalm 96

Leader: Praise him, all creation

Sing a new song to the Lord. Sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name.

All: Proclaim his salvation day by day, Tell his glory among the nations,

Leader: Tell his marvels to every people. The Lord himself made the heavens, In his presence are splendor and majesty, In his sanctuary power and beauty.

All: Ascribe to the Lord, families of the people,
Ascribe to the Lord beauty and power,
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name.

Leader: Bring an offering, bear it before him,
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness,
Tremble before him, all the earth!

All: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, Let the sea thunder and all that it holds, Let the fields exult and all that is in them, Let all the trees of the forest cry out for joy.

Leader: At the presence of the Lord, for he comes,
He comes to rule the earth,
To judge the world with justice
And the nations with his truth.

# Song of Praise

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

#### Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven. We have tried to heal ourselves.

Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ,

we have tried to work off our guilt.

We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins.

When this doesn't work, we quickly turn to denial and distraction.

Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

we have tried to change through our own efforts.

We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower.

This has left some of us arrogant.

This has left most of us anxious and depressed.

Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves.

Forgive us for neglecting your grace.

Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

#### Silent Confession

## Corporate Response

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24-25 (ESV)

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

# <u>Prayers of People</u>

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

### Invitation to Table

Those who have professed faith in Christ for the forgiveness of sins within a church body and who have been baptized are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. We receive the Lord's Supper worthily only if we bear in mind that Christ gave his body for the forgiveness of our sins; it is his merit only that admits us to this table.

#### The Communion

Those serving will come to your vehicle, wearing mask and gloves, and offer you the bread and juice, which are packaged together. We ask that you do not partake of the elements until all receive them, so that we can partake together, as one body.

### **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.