



ORDER OF WORSHIP

HYMN # 263

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

THE INVOCATION

P: We begin this worship service in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Then let us confess our sins to God our Father.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P/C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in**

Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

INTROIT (*Psalm 4*)

P: Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in *my* distress;

C: Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer. How long, O you sons of men, Will you turn my glory to shame?

P: How long will you love worthlessness and seek falsehood?

C: But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him.

P: Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the LORD.

C: There are many who say, “Who will show us any good?” LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.

P: You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

C: I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

HYMN #239 (1,4)

Come, Thou Almighty King

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for Your preserving power in the earth and for our daily needs. Teach us to see Your hand working for our benefit in all things, and when we cannot see it help us to walk by faith believing that You are still causing all things to work for our eternal glory. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Join in with the bold words)

GENESIS 22:1-9 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”² Then He said, “Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a

burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

³ So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. ⁵ And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.” ⁶ So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. ⁷ But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together. ⁹ Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

P: Let us praise the Lord for giving us His Word.

C: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

BIBLE MEMORY PASSAGE:

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

(Romans 10: 9)

You were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s. (1 Corinthians 6:20)

EPISTLE READING

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.”

²⁰ Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²² For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³ **but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,** ²⁴ **but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.** ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the

weakness of God is stronger than men.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it.

C: *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed)

HYMN # 365

Jesus I Will Never Leave

THE SERMON

JOHN 12:20-33

Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. ²¹ Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus. ²³ But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. ²⁴ Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵ He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. ²⁷ “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, *saying*, “I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again.” ²⁹ Therefore the people who stood by and heard *it* said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. ³² And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples* to Myself.” ³³ This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

THE OFFERTORY (sung) *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

HYMN #443 (1-4, 7-8)

O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea

**OFFERING – PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER
COMMUNION**

The Bible teaches what we call “Close Communion,” that is: God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible’s teachings. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you’ll want to find out all that we teach since communion is such an intimate sacrament. The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE INDIVIDUAL PRAYER after receiving the Sacrament (page 118)

OUR PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Sung to tune of Hymn 473)

*The good Lord bless and keep us,
Lift up His shining face,
With favor look upon us,
And grant eternal peace.
God – Father, Son and Spirit,
Most gracious One-in-Three,
Be praised throughout creation
And to eternity!*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN # 433

Jesus, My Truth, My Way