

CALL TO WORSHIP

*****WEEK A:

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: Let us say it again: Rejoice.

Leader: Whatever is true, just, and pleasing, think about these things,

People: and the God of peace will be with you.

WEEK B:

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down.

People: Let us call upon God and listen for God's voice.

Leader: The Lord declares:

People: Be still and know that I am God.

WEEK C:

Leader: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

People: Come into God's presence with singing.

Leader: Worship the Eternal One in the beauty of holiness.

People: God draws near to the humble.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 805

Come, Sing to God

Psalm 30

Please stand as you are able when the hymn is announced.

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. [Silent prayers]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE ("GLORIA"): HYMN 583

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

Please greet your neighbors, saying, "Peace be with you."

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me."

So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?"

But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer.

He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

For the famine has been in the land these two years,

and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth

and to keep alive for you many survivors.

So it was not you who sent me here but God;

he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph,

God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay.

You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me,

you and your children and your children's children,

as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.'

And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you.

You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen.

Hurry and bring my father down here."

Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck.

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting,

"Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

But he did not answer her at all.

And his disciples came and urged him, saying,

"Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then

Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish."

And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Reader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?

Please stand as you are able when the hymn is announced.

SERMON

“Forgiving and Forgetting”

Rev. Dr. Brian C. Snyder

Call New Members to the Front!

PHIL COMPTON

AMBER HENDRICKS

NATE REBMANN

MARTIN SPANGENBERG

JIM STARR (in absentia?)

LAURA TIMM

BARB TINNEMEYER - IN ABSENTIA

JIM TINNEMEYER - IN ABSENTIA

KEN WALTERS

PENNIE WALTERS

THE APOSTLES' CREED: PAGE 35 in the hymnal. *Please stand as you are able.*

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 at 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.

RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS!

SEE SERVICEBOOK

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER: PAGE 35 in the hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS & GIFTS OF SELF

OFFERTORY / SPECIAL MUSIC

SUNG RESPONSE (“DOXOLOGY”):

HYMN 606 (gendered) or 607 (non-gendered) *Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

Please stand as you are able when the hymn is announced.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE