

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 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,

and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,

and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, siblings, by the mercies of God,

to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God

— what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you

not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think,

but to think with sober judgment,

each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

For as in one body we have many members,

and not all the members have the same function,

so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,

and individually we are members one of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:

prophecy, in proportion to faith;

ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;

the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity;

the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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

SERMON

“Present Your Bodies”

Rev. Dr. Brian C. Snyder

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.

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 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

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

BLESSING

POSTLUDE