

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
In this holy place, you are invited to bring your prayers and your offerings before God, the one who calls us to faith and who calls us to life.

THE LORD’S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER
Gracious God, thank you for these gifts. We offer them to you, seeking your blessing, that they might be used to welcome all, and to inspire faith in our community. We offer our very selves, asking that we might become your faithful followers. In the name of Christ, we pray. AMEN.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION
Brothers and sisters, go from this place boldly proclaiming the love of Christ, so all may know the name of God. Go in peace. Amen.

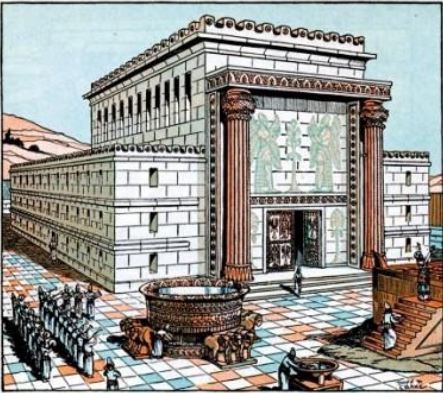


*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Danish Amen” No. 898

*CLOSING HYMN “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” No. 589, vs. 1 &3
(Sung to the tune of “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” No. 357)

*POSTLUDE “Awake Hear The Call of Watchmen” M. Dupre

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD!



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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask a greeter or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us.

AUGUST 22, 2021
ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:15 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE “A Mighty Fortress” M. Praetorius
(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER FOR AFGHANISTAN (Michael Lapsley)
Pastor: For those who are fleeing:
People: sanctuary.
Pastor: For those who are staying:
People: safety.
Pastor: For those who are fighting:
People: peace.
Pastor: For those whose hearts are breaking:
People: comfort.
Pastor: For those who see no future:
People: hope.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT “The Church’s One Foundation” No. 546, vs. 1, 2 & 3

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor:

How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

People:

The refreshing springs of God’s love cleans and restores us.

Pastor:

There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

People:

The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless are always welcome in God’s house.

Pastor:

Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

People:

Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, be with us this day. Calm and soothe our souls. Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a special place where we may gather to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. AMEN.

INTROIT

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

No. 176

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

GENERAL CONFESSION

Gracious God, we often forget that you dwell in our hearts. We fail to notice that your Holy Spirit is present in our lives at all times. In our forgetfulness, we stumble and fall, we turn away from you, we believe in worldly goods instead of your truth. Remind us again that you are Spirit and life; you are all we need. Help us turn toward your love, your healing, and your truth. In the name of the one who brings life, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

“No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. Brothers and Sisters, receive God’s forgiveness and dwell with love and grace.”

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor:

O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts.

People:

that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Thy Word”

No. 601 (Refrain only)

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path”

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 8: 1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

Pastor:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

No. 186

“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia”

*GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor:

The Lord be with you,

People:

And also with you.

Pastor:

A reading from the Gospel of St. John

People:

Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ

John 6:56-59

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor:

The Gospel of the living Christ.

People:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAIMING

SERMON

“Why Are You Here?”

Rev. Russel Shuluga

HYMN

“Holy Ground”

TFWS 2272 (two times)

HYMN

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

No. 328 (two times)