

## Welcome...

...to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. **\*Please stand, if able.**

### **Order of Morning Worship** May 30, 2021

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 108:1-4

#### **\*Song of Approach**

"Days of Elijah"

These are the days of Elijah,  
Declaring the word of the Lord  
and these are the days of Your servant Moses,  
Righteousness being restored.  
And though these are days of great trial,  
Of famine and darkness and sword,  
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying  
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

#### *Refrain:*

Behold He comes riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,  
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,  
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel,  
The dry bones becoming as flesh,  
And these are the days of Your servant David,  
Rebuilding a temple of praise.  
And these are the days of the harvest,  
The fields are as white in Your world,  
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,  
Declaring the word of the Lord!

*Refrain (twice)*

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#### **\*Invocation and Profession of Faith**

Q. 27. In what did Christ's humiliation consist?

Christ's humiliation consisted in being born, and that in a poor circumstance; in being subject to God's law; in undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God and the curse of death on the cross; in being buried; and in continuing under the power of death for a time.

Q. 28. In what does Christ's exaltation consist?

Christ's exaltation consists in His rising again from the dead on the third day; in ascending into heaven; in sitting at the right hand of God the Father; and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

*(Westminster Shorter Catechism, Modern Version)*

#### **\*Hymn 159**

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

O Savior, precious Savior,  
Whom yet unseen we love,  
O Name of might and favor,  
All other names above;  
We worship You, we bless You,  
To You alone we sing;  
We praise You, and confess You  
Our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation,  
Who wondrously have wrought,  
Yourself the revelation  
Of love beyond our thought;  
We worship You, we bless You,  
To You alone we sing;  
We praise You, and confess You  
Our gracious Lord and King.

In You all fullness dwelling,  
All grace and pow'r outpours;  
The glory all-excelling,  
O Son of God, is Yours;  
We worship You, we bless You,  
To You alone we sing;  
We praise You, and confess You  
Our glorious Lord and King.

O grant the consummation  
Of this our song above  
In endless adoration,  
And everlasting love;  
Then shall we praise and bless You  
Where perfect praises ring,  
And evermore confess You  
Our Savior and our King.

### **Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 92

### **Congregational Prayer**

Almighty God,

We are loved with an everlasting love,  
Clothed in eternal righteousness,  
Our peace flowing like a river,  
Our comforts many and large;  
Our joy and triumph unutterable,  
Our souls lively with a knowledge of salvation,  
Our sense of justification unclouded.  
We hardly have anything to pray for;  
Since Jesus smiles upon us as a ray of heaven,  
And our supplications are swallowed up in praise.

How sweet is the glorious doctrine of election  
When based upon Your word,  
And worked inwardly within the soul!  
We bless You that You keep the believers You have loved,  
And have promised that they will not forsake You;  
Otherwise, we would never get to heaven.  
We wrong the work of grace in our hearts  
If we deny our new natures and eternal life.

O God, we could not long after Your presence  
If we did not know the sweetness of it;  
And we could not know this  
Except by Your Spirit in our hearts,  
Nor love You at all unless You had  
Elected us, called us, adopted us, saved us.  
We bless You for the covenant of grace!  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **\*Hymn**

“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

Dear refuge of my weary soul,  
On Thee, when sorrows rise,  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,  
My fainting hope relies.  
To Thee I tell each rising grief,  
For Thou alone canst heal;  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief  
For every pain I feel.

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,  
I fear to call Thee mine;  
The springs of comfort seem to fail,  
And all my hopes decline.  
Yet, gracious God, where shall I flee?  
Thou art my only trust;  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee  
Though prostrate in the dust.

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,  
And shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sov'reign grace  
Be deaf when I complain?  
No, still the ear of sov'reign grace  
Attends the mourner's prayer;  
O may I ever find access  
To breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still,  
Here let my soul retreat;  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet.  
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## **New Testament Reading**

Galatians 6:6-10

**Message** *"PALM TREES IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE"*

## **\*Hymn**

"Resurrection Hymn"

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan,  
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound till He appears,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!  
And we are raised with Him,  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with Him,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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**\*God Blesses His People**

2 Corinthians 13:14

**\*Hymn 734**

"Gloria Patri"