

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 29, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Contemplation

Robert Schumann

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from James 1:17-27)

Leader: Beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger;

People: For anger does not produce God's righteousness.

Leader: Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above.

People: Welcome with meekness the implanted word which has the power to save our souls.

Leader: Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

People: Be not hearers who forget, but doers who act.

Leader: If any think that they are faithful, and do not bridle their tongues, their faith is worthless.

People: Faith which is pure and undefiled before God is this: to care for those in distress.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive our short memories, O Lord of mercy. We forget too soon our solemn vows. Forgive our selfishness; for we think more about ourselves than we do about others. Forgive our lack of perseverance; for we fail to defend what is right, holy, and good. Forgive our pride; for we fail to walk humbly as Your disciples. Help us, we pray, to love and serve you better. Lift us from sin, O God, by the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus
Chancel Choir

CRUSADER'S HYMN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

"The Evil Within"

Dr. Curtis Christian

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL BENEDICTION *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

Tomer

CHORAL TEXT God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Unity and Brotherhood*

Chesterton

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Anthem Text:

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God to earth come down Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host. Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.