

# THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 16, 2025

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Peaceful Prelude*

Alan Bullard

INTROIT

*Blessed Are They Who Hope in the Lord* (from Psalm 1)  
Cameron Carpenter, soloist

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 1:1-3)

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

**People: Or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers,**

Leader: But their delight is in Your law, O LORD,

**People: And on Your law, they meditate day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

**People: They yield their fruit in its season,**

Leader: And their leaves do not wither.

**People: In all that they do, they prosper.**

\*HYMN #452

*O Day of God, Draw Nigh*  
verses 1 and 4

ST. MICHAEL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, Creator of the whole human race: You have set us in a world richly endowed with material and spiritual wealth. Forgive us for wasting Your treasures and always wanting more than we have. Have mercy upon us who never share as fully as You give. Heal our blindness to others' needs, and grant us a clear vision of the community You intend for humankind. Inspire us, O Lord, to work for Your kingdom of mercy; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

*The Rain Will Seek the Rivers*  
Connor Fletcher, vibes

Robert J. Powell

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**Luke 6:17-26**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

SERMON

**"Anathemas and Benedictions"**

Dr. Curtis Christian

\*HYMN #320

*The Lone, Wild Bird*

PROSPECT

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

--from the New Testament

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are being saved, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures that He was buried, that he was raised on the third day and that He appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus Christ is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End;

He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #420

*God of Grace and God of Glory*  
verses 1 and 5

CWM RHONDDA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*On God the Lord Rely*

ST. BRIDE

\*POSTLUDE

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\*Those who are able, please stand

\*\*\*Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Philip Gump.