

# THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 23, 2025

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Reflections*

Matthew H. Corl

INTROIT

*Bless the Lord*

BLESS THE LORD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 37:5-9)

Leader: Commit your way to the LORD;

**People: Trust in the LORD, and God will act.**

Leader: The LORD will make your vindication shine like the light

**People: And the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Leader: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently;

**People: Do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil.**

Leader: Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

**People: For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.**

\*HYMN #179

*God is My Strong Salvation*

CHRISTUS, DER  
IST MEIN LEBEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and Everlasting God: we confess our transgressions. We have been prone to trust ourselves rather than trusting You. We have grown so arrogant that it is not easy to see where we have gone wrong. We place our faith in worldly things. Money, power, and pleasure have become our idols, and we have forgotten to worship You alone. Renew our faith, O Lord, and lift us above our sins and foolishness. Establish Your righteousness in our hearts so that we may live forgiven lives. In Jesus' name 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

*Let Us Love One Another*  
Amanda Tipton, flute

Arnold B. Sherman

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**Luke 6:27-38**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

SERMON

**"Loving Those Whom God Loves"**

Dr. Curtis Christian

\*HYMN #504

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*  
verses 1 and 2

UNION SEMINARY

## 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*The Lord is My Song*

Berthier

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #289

*O God of Every Nation*  
verses 1 and 4

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Go to the World*

SINE NOMINE

\*POSTLUDE

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\*Those who are able, please stand

\*\*\*Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is David Coleman.