

# THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 15, 2024    **The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**    11:00 a.m.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Precious Memories*

J. Mansfield

INTROIT

*I Will Walk Before the Lord* (from Psalm 116)  
Ashley Phillips, soprano soloist

M. Guimont

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 116:5-9)

Leader: Gracious is the LORD and righteous;

**People: Our God is merciful.**

Leader: The LORD protects the simple;

**People: When we were brought low, our God saved us.**

Leader: Return, O my soul, to your rest,

**People: For the LORD has dealt bountifully with us.**

Leader: For you have delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, our feet from stumbling.

**People: We walk before the LORD in the land of the living.**

\*HYMN #371

*Lift High the Cross*  
verses 1, 2, 3

CRUCIFER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, Heavenly Father, for all that we have done to displease You. For thoughts conceived in anger and nurtured in hatred, for words uttered in haste and called back in vain, and for deeds pursued in malice, forgive us as we bow before You in this holy place. In these moments of our worship, take Your place among us. We beseech You, O God; make us clean in Your presence, and make us stand as new creatures in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

*Nearer My God to Thee*

Georgiann H. Toole

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**Mark 8:27-38**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

SERMON

**"Who Do We Say He Is?"**

Rev. Curtis Christian

\*HYMN #392

*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*  
verse 1

HALL

## 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

*Larghetto*

D. G. Türk

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #393

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*  
verses 1 and 2

BOURBON

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*May the Love of the Lord*

SOON TI

\*POSTLUDE

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\*Those who are able, please stand

\*\*\*Late Arrivals Seated

*This morning's chancel flowers have been given by  
Mark and Melody Mitchell in memory of their daughter, Lindsay Marie.*