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"Sharing the love of Jesus by glorifying God and extending His kingdom"

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WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Old Church Choir"
Words and Music by Colby Wedgeworth,
Ethan Hulse and Zach Williams

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also, with you.

KYRIE

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, and defend us, O God. **Amen.**

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. *Refrain*

Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain*

For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ron Smith FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

PSALM:

Psalm 1 (Read Responsively)

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching

day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

SECOND READING:

Philemon 1-21

GOSPEL:

Luke 14:25-33

SERMON

ANTHEM

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus/Jesus and Me" Duet: Woody Pope and Detlev Aeppel Tambourine: Conni Kerrigan

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin

in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection*.

Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost

and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

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

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, 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

PEACE

OFFERING

COMMUNION NARRATIVE

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONGS

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

"O Come to the Altar"

Are you hurting and broken within Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin Jesus is calling Have you come to the end of yourself Do you thirst for a drink from the well Jesus is calling

O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Oh what a Savior Isn't he wonderful Sing alleluia Christ is risen Bow down before him For he is Lord of all Sing alleluia Christ is risen

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Instrumental

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown Tell the world of the treasure you've found

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"God's Work, Our Hands"

God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world, raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold. Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together, following Jesus to places unknown, walking as friends, marching for freedom,

running the race with God's future the goal. Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, sharing the good news of your gospel.

God's work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear, praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God's love for the lost and the least. Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.

God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise! Washed and set free, humbled and honored, gifted by grace, we respond in God's love. Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your gospel.

DISMISSAL/POSTLUDE

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching & Presiding
Assisting Minister
Reader
Praise Band Music Director
Celebration Choir Director
Keyboardist
IT/Livestream
Worship & Music Director

Pastor Scott Lindner
Walter Frank
Ron Smith
Brian Lindner
Sally Schaefer
Ken Hanks
Scott Giesking
Rebecca Parker