

Trusting God. Living in Christ. Loving all!

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday / February 16, 2025 / 10am

## **GATHERING IN WORSHIP**

Visitors, welcome! Take a look at the visitor cards in the pew. We are glad you are here! Enjoy God's movement through music as you ready your heart & mind for worship.

**PRELUDE** 

Prayer of Meditation
[Mary MacDonald]

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Katie Crowe

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,

whose confidence is in God.

They will be like a tree planted by the water,

sending out roots by the stream.

This tree does not fear when heat comes;

its leaves are green, its fruit endures.

So come, let us place our trust in God!

Let us live in blessed faith together!

Holy God, we thank you that throughout the generations, you have remained - through exile and empire, through faithfulness and forgetting, through wounds passed down and wonders whispered on the lips of those who refuse to let go of your name. You do not leave us without guidance; you show us the path to life and fruitfulness. Help us this day as we gather again to delight in your sacred gift of instruction. Grant us humility of heart and softness of will, that we might live in the fullness of your blessing this day. Amen.

\*GATHERING HYMN

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn 65

<sup>\*</sup>GATHERING PRAYER

#### CONFESSING OUR SIN & RELIANCE ON GOD

Sustaining God, you would have us be deeply rooted in you, finding strength in your word and nourishment in your grace. More often, though, we live as chaff, blown here and there by the winds of circumstance. Forgive our lack of permanency and our failures to hold fast to our commitments. Grow in us faith that we might be firmly planted in your promises, released from sin, and open to the life you have shown us in Jesus Christ. (Time for silent confession). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF PRAISE We Cannot Measure How You Heal Hymn 797

The peace of Christ be with you: And also with you.

[Please take a moment to sign and pass the Friendship Pads in the pews, so that we may get to know one another more fully.]

JOINING OF NEW MEMBERS

#### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Come and Fill Our Hearts Hymn 466

(SUNG TWICE BY Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Congregation)

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE Luke 6:17-26

SERMON Rev. Emily Wilkes

# **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

CONTEMPLATION Having received the proclamation of God's Word, please take a minute

of silent contemplation to rest in God's presence and love.

MUSICAL RESPONSE Hear My Prayer Trinity Choir

[arr. Moses Hogan]

<sup>\*</sup>PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

<sup>\*</sup>If able, please stand

#### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP: INVITATION TO DURHAM CAN LISTENING SESSIONS

Please consider ways you might extend the work of God's kingdom and grow in faith by dedicating your gifts to Christ's service through the ministry of the church.

Offering plates are near the entryways to the sanctuary. You may also give online through the QR code in the bulletin or on the "Giving" page at trinityave.org.



#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: ADAPTED FROM THE BELHAR CONFESSION

It is through Christ's reconciling work that we are the church, united to God and to other believers. As the church, we are the salt of the earth. We are the light of the world. We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ as witnesses in both word and deed, proclaiming the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. As the church, we proclaim that God's life-giving Word and Spirit have conquered sin and death, division, hatred and bitterness, enabling us to live in a new obedience, and opening new possibilities for our lives, society and the world. We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation--servants of the God who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people.

DOXOLOGY Hymn 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Families of children, please raise your hands or stand to assist your child in locating you as they enter the sanctuary and find their seat for the balance of the service.

## **SEALING GOD'S WORD**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation Rev. Emily Wilkes

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving Rev. Dr. Katie Crowe

The Lord be with you: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Sanctus Hymn 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion

(NOTE: All the elements are gluten free. The cup is grape juice.)

Da bei rami scendea
[Clementine de Bourges]

Dr. Stewart Engart, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\*SENDING HYMN When the Lord Redeems the Very Least Hymn 852

\* BENEDICTION

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE God of Grace and God of Glory

[Douglas E. Wagner]

\*If able, please stand

Music leadership is by Elizabeth Daly, Dr. Stewart Engart, and The Trinity Choir.