

Service Order for February 24, 2019



Welcome

Invocation

Isaiah 40

P: Do you not know? Have you not heard?

C: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

P: He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom.

C: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

P: Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

C: But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

P: They will soar on wings like eagles

C: They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Our hope is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said I will confess my sins before the Lord.

C: And He who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

(a time of silence to reflect and personally confess our sins)

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against You and against our neighbor. We have not loved you with our whole heart nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

P: The Lord has heard your cry for mercy. Therefore, I announce unto you the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Songs of Praise and Worship

- Beautiful Savior
- Reckless Love

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 105:1-5

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;

make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him;

tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Look to the LORD and his strength;

seek his face always.

Remember the wonders he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Children's Message (*Children dismissed to Children's Church*)

Sermon Hymn - *We Believe*

Sermon - Always Having an Answer for the Hope You Have

1 Peter 3:13-18

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

Offering (*Children return during offering*)

Prayers

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also, with you.

P: We greet each other in the peace of Christ.

Distribution

Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song - Lifesong

Announcements (*Service Ends*)

Clean Up