

## SERVICE ORDER FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2019



Welcome

Invocation

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Come into the presence of God. It is God, Himself, who bids us to come to Him in prayer, especially when we have sinned, so that we may receive His forgiveness. So, we enter His courts with confidence that if we confess our sins, He will forgive us as He promised.

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

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ and His suffering and death on the cross, 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 our God is merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. 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. Praise God!

Song of Praise and Thanksgiving: All the People Said Amen

Old Testament Reading - Ruth 1:11-19

**But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord’s hand has turned against me!”**

At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. **“Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.”**

**But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.”** When Naomi realized that

Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was **stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, “Can this be Naomi?”**

Epistle Reading - 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

**“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—**but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of **conscience, for, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.”**

If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of **conscience. But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience. I am referring to the other person’s conscience, not yours. For why is my freedom being judged by another’s conscience?** If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for?

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble,

whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God — even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

Children's Message

(Children dismissed to Children's Church)

Sermon Hymn - What Wondrous Love Is This

Sermon - Know Your Neighbor

Mark 12:28-31

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, **“Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”**

**“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”**

Offering - With Special Music: Nobody

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.

Song: Holy Ground

Distribution

Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song: Agnus Dei

Announcements

(Service Ends)

Clean Up