

## ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

### Gathering

PRELUDE      *Meditation on “Beach Spring”*      Hugh Livingston

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS      *Please sign the fellowship pad*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

**and in the temple God’s people say: Glory!**

\*OPENING HYMN      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      #475

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us be bold and confess our sins, for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God we come to you in prayer asking forgiveness for the things we should not have done, and the things we have left undone. Forgive our inability to act for justice.**

**Forgive our willingness to be satisfied with how things have always been. You who give breath to all of creation, You who claim us as your children through baptism, pour out your spirit upon us. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Prayers continue in silence)*

SUNG RESPONSE      *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*      #471

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life. Thanks be to God!

### *The Word*

TIME WITH CHILDREN      Children are invited to gather front  
*(Children ages 0-3rd grade will be in the Kid’s room, 4th-7th grade will be in the Elementary room & 8th grade+ will be in the Youth room)*

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

*New Testament Reading: Matthew 3:13-17*

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a

dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

*New Testament Reading: Acts 10:34-43*

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

\*HYMN      *Baptized in Water*      #482

SERMON      “Dying and Rising”      Rev. David Ukropina

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      The 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### *Responding to God’s Word*

#### Baptismal Renewal

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**I will, with God’s help.**

SUNG RESPONSE      *Down in the River to Pray*

**As I went down in the river to pray. Studying about that good old way. And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way! O Christians\*, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down. O Christians\*, let's go down. Down in the river to pray.**

\*(verse 1 is Christians, followed by sisters, brothers, mothers, fathers, sinners, Christians in the following verses. People can sing each verse as appropriate).

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

#### PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY      *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord*      Towner/ arr. Innes

\*SUNG RESPONSE      *Glory Be to the Father*      #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Sending of God’s Word*

\*CLOSING HYMN      *We Know that Christ is Raised*      #485

#### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *When Morning Gilds the Skies*      arr. Dale Wood

*\*indicates those who are able may stand. Congregational responses are in **bold**...*

**Jr. Youth and Youth Group TODAY, Jan. 8th** at 5:30pm at church is GamePalooza! This is a combined Youth and Jr. Youth event from 5:30-7:30pm. A huge thank you to the Stanton family for providing dinner! If you would like to sign-up to provide a Youth Group meal, contact the office or Pastor Marta.

Due to the Holidays the **Creation Care** meeting will not meet Dec. 20th. Next meeting is **Tuesday, Jan. 10**. There isn't a meeting on Jan. 17th.

**TODAY, January 8th** we will have a collection of plastics that are clean, label free and numbered #2, #4, and #5, of electronic collections (if it plugs in or has batteries, but no vacuum cleaners) and block Styrofoam collection. So please save, clean and bring those items to recycle!

**Adult Bible Class-** Starting Jan. 22, an "Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew" will be the Sunday morning Bible Study at 11:15 am led by John Mahon. It will meet for six weeks. The Gospel of Matthew presents the story of Jesus as the Messiah. The first four chapters focus on the person of the Messiah, the bulk of the gospel contains the teaching and actions of the Messiah, and the gospel concludes with the final week in the life of the Messiah in his passion and resurrection. The class will give an overview of the gospel, its unique features, and present a context for understanding individual passages.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday 1/08/2023

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Coffee Hour hosted by: Creation Care  
5:00 pm AA Meeting (Meeting Room)  
5:30 pm Game Palooza: Youth and Jr. Youth combined event

### Monday 1/09/2023

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting

### Tuesday 1/10/2023

9:00 am Preschool  
11:00 am WPC Knitter's (Fellowship Hall)  
5:45 pm Creation Care Meeting

### Wednesday 1/11/2023

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group at Countryside Pizza & Grill  
9:00 am Preschool  
9:15 am Preschool Chapel  
10:30 am Pioneer Quilters (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

### Thursday 1/12/2023

9:00 am Preschool  
9:15 am Preschool Chapel  
9:30 am Townscape Walkers (contact Julia Frederick for location)

### Friday 1/13/2023- Church Office Closed

9:00 am Preschool

### Saturday 1/14/2023- Church Office Closed

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#### Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. David Ukropina  
Music Director: Michael Mercatante  
Usher/Greeter: Roger Keady, Doug Schaaf, Teri Yerton, Larry McKaughan  
Counters: Anita Brown and Drew Emmett  
Coffee Hour: Creation Care

#### Next Sunday:

Pastor: Rev. Marta Ukropina  
Music Director: Michael Mercatante  
Usher/Greeter: Gene Heinle, Don Hirst, Lin Hirst, Eileen Sanders  
Counters: Eileen Sanders and Kyle Coats  
Coffee Hour: Deacons Group 3



**Baptism of the Lord  
January 8, 2023  
10:00 am**

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