

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Payton Scott

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Stephanie Dunn

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you. Please place in the offering plate for inclusion in the morning prayers and addition to our church's prayer list.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "Spirit of the Living God"

***Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
Humble, caring, self-less, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.***

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105:1-3)

Liturgist: Terry Holmes

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,

All: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

All: Tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in God's holy name;

All: Let all the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN # 2 "O Worship The King"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

It seems so easy to get into the boat and set sail when the sun is shining and all is well. But when the winds of change begin to blow, we want to turn around and head back to the safe harbors we know. When Jesus calls to us to get out and follow in faith, we look around, hoping he is not speaking to us. Have mercy on us, O God, and give us courage to respond in faith to your call forward. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Let us all rejoice and be at peace:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

HYMN OF CONSECRATION #502 "Be Thou My Vision"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM "Faith of Our Mothers"

Men's Choir

(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship following the anthem.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:1-7, 18-19

Page 631, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 14:22-33

Page 15, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Why Get Out of the Boat?"

Ms. Yvonne Thurmond

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*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.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
O praise Him, O praise Him; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 405 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Go With Us Lord"

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.*

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

David E. Dillard



WELCOME VISITOR! We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about our Christian faith and about our church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your pew, fill out a blue first-time visitor card, add your name to the Ritual of Friendship pad and by all means do not hesitate to contact our pastor. May God bless you this morning and throughout the week.

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor
David E. Dillard, Director of Music Ministries
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator

Levena Hemmle, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Megan Bennett

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