

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Exodus 34:6-7

PASTOR: The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

In these moments, we individually come to God in prayer, silently confessing personal sins so that we may take hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD *Isaiah 53:4-5*

PASTOR: *Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

* HYMN OF REFLECTION

Hymn 347 (vv. 1-2, 5-6)

The Church’s One Foundation

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

PASTOR: People of God, what do you believe?

ALL: **We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

WORSHIPPING BY GIVING

(Sign, pass & return black pad at the end of the aisle)

- ◆ LIFEChange Offering *(Please bring your LIFEChange to the front after the offering plate has passed your row.)*
- ◆ Birthday Month Prayer *(Pastor Rogers will be available in the front to pray with those who have a February birthday.)*
- ◆ Offertory *The Flutes of the Spirit*

* PRAISING OUR GOD

Gloria Patri (Hymn 734)

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.

* DEDICATING OUR LIVES & GIFTS

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul; bring the presence of the risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole. Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see. Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover ev’ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made. Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice, that in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

* SCRIPTURE READING

*Elder Tony Anthony
Page 827 in the pew Bible*

Matthew 21:33-46

(Scripture text is on the back of the worship guide)

APPLYING GOD’S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

“Jesus Christ—The Teacher with Authority”

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Ensemble & Congregation

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song; this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for ev’ry sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain; then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is mine— bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death— this is the pow’r of Christ in me; from life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand; till he returns or calls me home— here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

* BENEDICTION

1 Peter 2:4-5

PASTOR: As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

The Flutes of the Spirit

Ensemble music: CCLI#89171
Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

** Congregation Please Stand*

If you would like to know more about becoming a Christian, the pastor is available in the narthex after the service.

