

Traditional Service May 15, 2022

Call to Worship – Psalm 67.1–4

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us

People: and make His face to shine upon us,

Leader: that Your way may be known on earth,

People: Your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise You!

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People: for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Hymn: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (225)

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn: “Rejoice! The Lord Is King” (370)

Public Confession of Sin

All: Our God, we praise You that we have been brought out of the kingdom of darkness into Your marvelous light. May Your Spirit’s perfect light penetrate into every crevice of our beings, making us more and more into the likeness of our Savior Jesus, in whom there is no darkness.

Lord, we lament how the shadows of darkness linger in us causing us to sin, keeping us from loving You and one another as we ought. We have often been fooled into thinking that we have overcome a specific sin, only to find that the roots remain deep and strong. Our relationships are filled with stress: grievances are not easily forgotten, love for others does not always come from a joyful and willing heart.

We long for purity of heart and mind, of affection and will. We long for Your Spirit to bear in us the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Please grant this to us for Your glory and for the good of Your Church and the world.

Private Confession - A moment of silent confession.

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel – Psalm 36.9

Leader: For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.

Special Music: Flutes of the Spirit will play “It Is Well With My Soul”

Special Music (Offertory) - Grace Chancel Choir will sing “My Life, My All”, words by Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley, music by Twila Paris, arranged by Heather Sorenson.

Greeting of Peace – Colossians 1.19–20

Leader: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

High School Senior Recognition Video

Announcements Video

Pastoral Prayer – Dr. Jace Cloud

Sermon – Dr. Jace Cloud

End of Service Prayer – Dr. Jace Cloud

Closing Hymn – “Here I Am, Lord” (589)

Benediction - Hebrews 13.20–21

Leader: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

People - (with a loud voice!): Thanks be to God! Amen.