



**JULY 7, 2024**  
**The Order of Worship**  
11:15 A.M.

*We worship God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is worthy of praise for who he is and what he has done as our Creator and Savior. When we worship together, God is present with us, his people, and meets with us here! Because of that, our worship takes the form of a dialogue between God and us, as he speaks to us from his word and as we respond to him. We only do what God specifically commands in the Scriptures in our worship because God said about how he is to be worshiped, "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it."*

**Prelude**

**Announcements:** Mr. Juhan Song

**Silent Preparation**

*As the service begins, we remember that we worship God at his gracious initiative and invitation to us in Jesus Christ. Every worship service begins with God's greeting of grace and call to worship from his word, which we respond to with praise and prayer.*

**God's Greeting**

**God's Call to Worship** Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**Hymn** #282 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

**Prayer for God's Blessing**

*Because we worship God together as one body, we confess our faith in unison, using a statement of faith from one of the creeds, confessions of faith, or catechisms used in the history of the church.*

**Confession of Faith (in unison)** Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1 & 2

*Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

**A:** My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong -- body and soul, in life and in death -- to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?*

**A.** Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

*In all the parts of our worship where God speaks to us, he does so through his Word, the Scriptures. God commands, "the public reading of Scripture," so that we may know God, what he has done for us, and what he requires of us.*

**Scripture Reading** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (Bible p.874)

*We respond to hearing God's word by acknowledging our sins, both the ways we fail to do what God requires and the ways we do what he forbids, with a prayer of confession said in union. After confessing our sins, God assures us of his forgiveness and acceptance of us with a promise from his Word for those who turn from their sins in repentance and rely upon Jesus for forgiveness and acceptance with God. We respond to his grace and acts of redemption with thanks and praise in song.*

**Prayer of Confession (in Unison)** Heinrich Bullinger, *Christian Order and Custom of the Church in Zurich*

I, a poor sinful person, confess myself before you, my Lord God and Maker, that sadly I have sinned much, with my senses, thoughts, words, and deeds, as you, eternal God, know very well. I regret them and beg your grace. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon** Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Hymn #265** *In Christ Alone* [use the hymnal]

*Next, we come before God in prayer, to praise him, give thanks for his many blessings, ask him to provide for our needs, and to intercede for the needs of others in the church and the world.*

### **Prayer for God's People**

*God's people have always worshiped God by giving to him from all that he gives to us. In the Old Testament, God's people were commanded to bring offerings, which provided for the sacrifices. In the New Testament, Jesus gave himself the final sacrificial offering and Christians are called to give generously, cheerfully, and sacrificially.*

### **Offering**

*At the heart of our worship service is hearing God through preaching from his Word. In the sermon, God's Word is read, explained, and applied to our lives so that we repent, turning back to God from our sins, and renew our faith in Jesus and what he has done to deliver us from our sins. Before the sermon, we ask for the help of the Holy Spirit so that we may hear God's word with understanding.*

### **Sermon:** Pastor Zach Siggins

**Text:** Ephesians 1:2 (Bible p.976)

**Title:** How God Always Greets You

*We respond to what God has done for us in Jesus by joyfully expressing our thanks and praise in song.*

### **Hymn #433** *Amazing Grace!*

*When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, God invites us to his Table to remember the death of Jesus and to look forward to the communion with him we will enjoy in heaven. Because the broken body and shed blood of Jesus is pictured in the bread and the cup and he is spiritually present when we partake with faith, we truly eat his body and drink his blood. All baptized members of a Christian Church who have professed their faith are invited to come to the Lord's Table if they seek forgiveness and freedom from their sins through Jesus. Because this meal also reminds us of our unity and communion with one another, we wait to partake together. Both wine and grape juice are served and the communion bread is gluten free. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper in the morning, we also have an offering collected by our Deacons for the church's mercy ministry.*

### **The Lord's Supper**

### **Deacon's Offering**

## **Psalm #133A** *How Excellent a Thing It Is*

*God sends us with a blessing from his word.*

### **God's Blessing**

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**Worship Leader:** Juhan Song, Summer Intern

**Preacher:** Pastor Zach Siggins

**Accompanist:** Ryan Carson

**Sound:** Tyler McDonald