

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
December 31, 2017

Prelude

But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.
Habakkuk 2:20

Welcome

God Calls Us to Worship Him

† **Call to Worship** Psalm 98:1–3

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

People: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Δ† **Hymn of Adoration**

195 *Joy to the World!*

† **Salutation and Responsive Scriptures**

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

People: Who made heaven and earth!

Pastor: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise**

† **The Lord's Prayer** Together as God's People

Our Father which 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.

† **Affirmation of Faith** Elder Bob Albright

Psalm 19 (p. 790, responsively as God's people)

Δ† **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.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

We Confess Our Sin

O God, who are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; But who despises not the sorrow of the contrite; Have mercy upon us, we ask You, according to Your loving-kindness. You alone know how often we have sinned; In wandering from your ways; In wasting your gifts; In forgetting your love. O pure searcher of hearts, help us to acknowledge with deep contrition the multitude of our transgressions; and especially those which are the present burden of our conscience. Cleanse us, we ask You, from all iniquity; And let Your mercy bring us healing; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Individual Silent Confession of Sin

God Forgives Us in Christ 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Δ† **Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

226 *As with Gladness men of Old*

† **The Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

(Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words which the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you.")

Evening Prayer Elder Mike Dykstra

We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

God Instructs Us With His Word

Scripture Reading The Rev. Nathan E. Currey

Luke 6:12-26

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

An Exposition of the Gospel of Luke

"Are You Blessed?"

† **Hymn of Response** (as the Elders prepare the Table)

201 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (1-2)

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution Rev. Currey

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements The Elders

(Partake of the Bread individually and the Cup together. Wine is used for communion with a limited amount of grape juice in the center rings.

Please note the bread in the center of the plate is gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† **Hymn of Dedication**

201 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (3-4)

† **Benediction** Rev. Currey

† **Hymn of Dismissal**

218 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* (5)

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son; evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Postlude

The Order of Divine Worship
concludes with your silent prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

† Indicates the congregation standing

Δ Ushers may seat latecomers