The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
April 16, 2023

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

Choral Introit (11:00)

O Food of exiles lowly, O Bread of angels holy, O Manna from on high! We hunger for your blessing, all good in you possessing, hear now our heart's outcry.

† Call to Worship Psalm 135:1-4

Pastor: Praise the LORD!
People: Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!
Pastor: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!
People: For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.

∆† Hymn of Adoration

 # 12 *Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim*

† 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 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.

† Affirmation of Faith Mr. Bennet Zeller

The Apostles' Creed (p. 845, together as God's people)

∆† 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

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.

§ Individual Silent Confession of Sin

§ God Forgives Us in Christ Isaiah 61:10

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

∆† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

 # 295 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

(11:00) Children ages 3 to Kdg. to Children's Church (look for the flag bearer)

† 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.")

§ Morning Prayer Elder Lance Kinzer

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

James 3:1-12

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Living Faith for Trying Times

"Tongue Taming"

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

 # 561 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* (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 is gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† Hymn of Dedication

 # 561 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* (3-4)

† Benediction Rev. Currey

† Hymn of Dismissal

 # 311 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (4)

O'er every foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest, from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed; the tide of time shall never His covenant remove, His name shall stand forever - that name to us is love.

Postlude

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

† Indicates the congregation standing
§ Indicates the congregation kneeling (if able)
∆ Ushers may seat latecomers