

# The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day  
October 8, 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)

*Hail true body, born, of Mary, virgin mild. Truly offered in sacrifice on the cross for all people.*

## † Call to Worship

Psalm 117

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

**People: Extol Him, all peoples!**

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

**People: Praise the LORD!**

## Δ† Hymn of Adoration

# 7 *From All That Dwell below the Skies*

## † 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

The Rev. John Choi

The Apostles' Creed (p. 845, together 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

**Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept His worthiness for our unworthiness, His sinlessness for our transgressions, His fullness for our emptiness, His glory for our shame, His righteousness for our dead works, His death for our life. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.**

## § Individual Silent Confession of Sin

## § God Forgives Us in Christ

Isaiah 53:4-6

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. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

## Interlude for Meditation

## Children's Church Graduation (11:00 a.m.)

## Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

# 32 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

(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 Bruce Hoffman

## 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 5:7-11

## Prayer for Illumination

## Preaching of the Word

Living Faith for Trying Times

**"You Can Learn Patience"**

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

# 689 *Be Still, My Soul* (1-2)

## God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

## Invitation and the Words of Institution

Rev. Choi

## 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

# 689 *Be Still, My Soul* (3-4)

## † Benediction

Rev. Currey

## † Hymn of Dismissal

# 103 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* (4)

*Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name you; while in essence only One, undivided God we claim you, and adoring bend the knee, while we sing this mystery.*

## 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)

Δ Ushers may seat latecomers