

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**FOR THE TWENTYFOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020 - 5:00 P.M.**  
**“A BLENDED SERVICE”**

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**OPENING SONG**

*God of Wonders*

Lord of all creation  
Of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
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## OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- C** **You have been our good and faithful Master.**
  
- P** You have poured out blessings upon us.
- C** **You have given us all we need to support this body and life.**
  
- P** We meditate on all that You have done.
- C** **We ponder the work of Your hands.**
  
- P** On account of Your name, O Lord, preserve our lives.
- C** **In Your righteousness, bring us out of trouble.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Indeed, our heavenly Father has done wonderful things for us. He has given us more than we could ever ask for or imagine. Yet, there have been times when we have been ungrateful for God's gifts, times when we have been lazy and selfish with what He has given us, times when we have been unfaithful servants. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** Heavenly Father,

**C** **we confess that we have not been faithful with all of the good gifts You have given us. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might be restored as Your servants.**

**P** God hears your confession and has promised to be with you always. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore announce the grace of God to all of you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You are our good and faithful Master. Thank You for the abundance of blessings You have poured into our lives. Strengthen us by Your mighty power, that we might serve You well and faithfully; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

*Zephaniah 1:7–16*

Be silent before the Lord GOD!  
For the day of the LORD is near;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice  
and consecrated his guests.

And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—  
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons  
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.  
On that day I will punish  
everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
and those who fill their master's house  
with violence and fraud.  
"On that day," declares the LORD,  
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
a wail from the Second Quarter,  
a loud crash from the hills.  
Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!  
For all the traders are no more;  
all who weigh out silver are cut off.  
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the men  
who are complacent,  
those who say in their hearts,  
'The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do ill.'  
Their goods shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them."  
The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;  
the mighty man cries aloud there.  
A day of wrath is that day,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

## SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come

like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

## **GOSPEL READING**

*Matthew 25:14–30*

[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You

wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

## SONG OF THE DAY

*508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*

- 1 The day is surely drawing near  
When Jesus, God's anointed,  
In all His power shall appear  
As judge whom God appointed.  
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,  
And flames on flames shall ravage earth  
As Scripture long has warned us.
  
- 2 The final trumpet then shall sound  
And all the earth be shaken,  
And all who rest beneath the ground  
Shall from their sleep awaken.  
But all who live will in that hour,  
By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,  
Be changed at His commanding.
  
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way  
In fear and tribulation.  
O hear and grant our fervent plea:  
Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
From death and ev'ry evil.

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## MESSAGE

*Double Down*

## CREED OF THE CHRUCH

*Apostles' Creed*

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**☩ 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

## AGNUS DEI

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Grant us peace  
Grant us peace

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## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{†}$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## **CLOSING SONG**

*Your Grace is Enough*

Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

Remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me

God I sing Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me  
for me

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**SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**ELDERS:** *Gerran Batterberry, Maciej Kielbasinski*

**MUSICIANS/VOCALISTS:** *Saturday Praise Team: (Director – Julie Sawusch) Vocalists: Mary Fleck, Nancy Reese; Piano: Julie Sawusch; Acoustic Guitar: Tom Vitacco; Bass Guitar: Ron Hilger*

**PROJECTION & SOUNDBOARD:** *Chris Errera*

**SPEAKER:** *Reverend Jerry D. Hays*

To be baptized into the saving grace of God at 11:00 AM is *Rawling Ronald Sallmen*, born on August 25, 2020, to Kyle and Jill Sallmen, whose sponsors are Penny Hung and Kevin Sallmen. May God bless this child of His!