



*In the presence of greatness:  
A study in Isaiah*

Our church exists to help people **know** God's Son, **fellowship** with God's people, **worship** in God's church, **grow** in God's grace and **serve** in God's world.

# The Lord's Day | November 5, 2023

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Welcome

*Please silence your electronic device before the worship service begins.*

### Preparation for Worship

Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

Psalm 46:8-9

### Call to Worship

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46:10-11

### Invocation

### Doxology

Doxology means "glory words." We lift our hearts up to give God his glory for all he has done.

***+Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus***

### Pastoral Prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

***+I Will Not Be Shaken***

***+Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)***

**Ministry Update** - Rev. Stan Long

*There is No Nursery/Children's Church today.*

## **+Scripture Reading**

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."  
<sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Mark 4:35-41

**Sermon:** Peace, Be Still Rev. Stan Long

## **Silent Confession**

### **Corporate Confession**

**Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### **Declaration of Pardon**

Righteousness will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Romans 4:24-25

Pastor: Your sins are forgiven. Your dignity is restored. Your shame is taken away—all by the life and sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. At the time of the banquet, he sent his servant to say to all those who were invited, "Friends, your spot at the table is set. He has made a place for you."

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*universal

## **Invitation to the Table**

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

This is a sign and symbol for those who believe in Jesus Christ. It's not for good people. It's for you if you believe and embrace that you are worse and more messed up than you ever dare to admit; and yet you are more loved and accepted than you had ever dared to hope - because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus for you. You will be invited to come forward. The dark liquid is wine and the light liquid is grape juice. We have gluten free crackers on the table if you need them instead of the bread. After you are finished, please place your empty cup in one of the baskets at the front. Feel free to stay and pray with the pastor or elders.

Children are welcome to come with their parents. Each child should talk with a pastor or elder about his or her belief in Christ before taking the Lord's Supper for the first time. Please make an appointment to do this at a future date.

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us lift up our hearts to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

**+Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor**

## **Announcements**

### **+Benediction**

God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands, in a spiritually ready position so that the blessing God is giving us will fully hit our whole selves, and we'll be sent out for mission.

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

### **Dismissal**

Pastor: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*\*If able, please stand*

## **Prayers During the Lord's Supper:**

*Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth:* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads me to the life you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief:* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Struggling Against Sin:* Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may I turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me and run with perseverance the race you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment:* Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

## **Announcements**

**Teen Sunday School Class starts November 12.** Please stop by for the kickoff party! The class is open to anyone ages 10-16, and will run from 9 - 9:50 AM. Stop by the right hand trailer next Sunday for muffins, orange juice, a snapshot of our curriculum, and some Obscure Bible Trivia! The top Bible Nerd will receive a fabulous, yet budget conscious, prize!

**Living Nativity:** In five weeks we will be outside celebrating Christmas with family, friends, and neighbors. Would you join us by setting up, cleaning up, making snacks, being the "living nativity," singing, or greeting our guests? Please talk to Kathy to be part of the living nativity, Bethany for music, Darlene for snack details or Joan for other ways to volunteers your time. The Living Nativity is Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4-7 P M. Invitations are in the narthex.

**South West Emergency Services:** Current needs include toilet paper, plain, large soap bars, travel size shampoo, peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce. pasta, tuna fish, Ramen Noodles, soup, and black beans.

### **Nursery/Children's Church Rotation**

Today: There is no Nursery/Children's Church. 11.12: Janet, Jenn

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY

**Sunday School:** 8:50 – 9:45 AM **Adults** in Trailer **Children 4-12** in classroom in the church.

**Worship Service:** 10 AM

**Nursery** (infant -3yrs.) in Toddler Room during service (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

**Children's Church** (infant-8 yrs., 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

### MONDAY

**Women's Discipleship Group:** 7 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month, in person and on Zoom.

### WEDNESDAY

**Conversational English Classes:** 9:30 -11:30 AM during the school year.

**Zoom Praying Meeting:** 7:30-8:30 PM

### SATURDAY

**Men's Discipleship Group:** 7 AM, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at the church.

### Thank you for worshipping with us!

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