



Call to Worship

Prelude

Liturgical Response

Leader: *The Lord is in His holy temple;*

Response: *... let all the earth keep silent before Him.*

Habakkuk 2:20

Lighting the Christ Candle #85 (LYH)

“Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near,

Please be near me, to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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Presenting the Word

Leader: *Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;*

Response: *It stands firm in the heavens forever! Psalm
119:89*

✠ Song #53 (LYH)

“Sing unto the Lord”

Sing unto the Lord a new song;

Sing unto the Lord all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord a new song;

Sing unto the Lord all the earth.

For God is great, and greatly to be praised.

God is great, and greatly to be praised!

Sing unto the Lord a new song;

Sing unto the Lord all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord a new song;

Sing unto the Lord all the earth.

For God is great, and greatly to be praised.

God is great, and greatly to be praised!

Sing unto the Lord a new song;

Sing unto the Lord all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord a new song;

Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Amen!

✠ Song #92 (LYH)

“Lay It All Down”

Lay it all down, I lay it all down at your feet.

I give you my life, O Lord, I give you my soul.

Lay it all down, I lay it all down at your feet.

Whatever I've gained, I count it as loss.

I lay it all down, I lay it all down.

Lay it all down, I lay it all down at your feet.

I give you my life, O Lord, I give you my soul.

Lay it all down, I lay it all down at your feet.

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I lay it all down, I lay it all down.

Whatever I've gained, I count it as loss.

I lay it all down, I lay it all down.

Lead Leader: *This is our hope,*

Response: *To know Christ and make Him known.*

Greeting:

You are somebody,

somebody on the Lord's side.

You are somebody,

somebody on the Lord's side.

Leader: *May the peace of Christ be with you.*

Response: *And also with you.*

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome to visitors.**
- **Happy Birthday to everyone born in the month of July:**
 - Peter Converse, Carolyn Lockley, Abel

Mwantembe, Mike Obwot, Lori Rankin, Mary
Ellen Scott, Chris Stephano, Art Tung

- **Prayer Request**

Confession:

Leader: God is Good!

Response: All the time!

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Response: God is good to me!

✠ Song #376 (BH) All Loves Excelling”

“Love Divine,

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou, are all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, never-more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Confession of Sin

Invitation to Silent Confession: *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sin, he who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sin and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

Congregation: Amen!

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Leader: *Believe the good news, having confessed our sin we are God’s healed and forgiven people, made righteous in Christ.*

Response: *The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Consecration of Gifts:

**The Bread and the Cup
Offering**

Worship Asst: *For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!*

Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him!

Even more than this: Let us “present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!

✠ Song

“Thank You Lord”

*I come before You today
And there’s just one thing that I want to say
Thank You Lord*

Thank You Lord

*For all You've given to me
For all the blessings I cannot see
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord*

*With a grateful heart
With a song of praise
With an outstretched arm
I will bless Your name*

*Thank You Lord
I just wanna thank You Lord
Thank You Lord
I just wanna thank You Lord
Thank You Lord*

*For all You've done in my life
You took my darkness and gave me Your light
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord*

*You took my sin and my shame
You took my sickness and healed all my pain
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord*

*With a grateful heart
With a song of praise
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*Thank You Lord
I just wanna thank You Lord
Thank You Lord
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Thank You Lord*

*Oh, thank You Lord
I just wanna thank You Lord
I just wanna thank You Lord
Oh, thank You Lord
I just want to thank You Lord
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord*

Prayer of Dedication

✠ Song “Sanctuary”

*Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Scripture Lesson

Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Hear the Word of the Lord!

- 1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
- 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.
- 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,
- 4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
- 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.
- 6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.
- 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot,
- 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
- 9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.
- 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow.

4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

9 Let anyone with ears listen!"

18 "Hear then the parable of the sower.

19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

**Sermon
Spirit"**

"6. Romans: Flesh vs.

✠ Song #322 (BH)

"Spirit of the Living God "

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

(repeat)

The Lord's Supper

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Let us confess our faith.

Leader: Do you believe in one God, the Father almighty?

Congregation: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Congregation: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Congregation: 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.

Leader: Now, all who have confessed faith in Jesus Christ are invited to share in this bread and the cup when they are served and participate in the mystery of faith.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Congregation: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Leader: Thanks be to God for the victory that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Response: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

✠ Benediction

✠ Song #135 (LYH)

“Dance with the Sprit”

*Dance with the Spirit, early in the morning,
Walk with the Spirit, throughout the long day,
Work and hope for the new life a-born-in',
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.*

Postlude