

Call to Worship Time of Silence

Prelude

Liturgical Response

Pastor: The Lord is in His holy Temple,

Congregation Response: Let all the earth keep silent

before Him.

Habakkuk 2:20

Lighting the Christ Candle "As the Deer"

As the deer pants for the water, So my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield; To you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver, Only you can satisfy, You alone are the real joy giver, And the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength, my shield; To you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship you.

Presenting the Word

Worship Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste, O Lord, sweeter than the taste of honey.

Congregation: Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path! Psalm 119:105

₱ Song #30 (LYH) "Great Is the Lord"

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, By His power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory, Great is the Lord and worthy of praise, Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great are You, Lord, You are holy and just, By Your power we trust in Your love. Great are You Lord, You are faithful and true, By Your mercy You prove You are love.

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory, Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise, Great are You, Lord; I lift up your voice, I lift up Your voice: Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

"Oh Lord,

O Lord, you're beautiful, Your face is all I seek, For when your eyes are on this child, Your grace abounds in me. (repeat)

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. The members of the church support the mission and ministry of the church.
- The Sermon Notes will no longer project on PowerPoint, they are in the Bulletin.
- Lenten Series: continues Wednesday, at 7pm on Zoom. The theme is "The Seven Continents."
 - The notes for Wednesday's Lenten Study are in the Bulletin.
- Worship Assistant Training today following Worship Service.
 - Ushers/Greeters will meet Sunday, March 17th following Worship Service.
- Collection for Upper Darby Food Cupboard today.
- **Daylight Saving Time:** begins next Sunday, March 10th. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.
- Holy Week Services:
 - o March 24 Palm Sunday in the Worship Center
 - March 28 Maundy Thursday: 7pm in-person and on Zoom
 - March 31 Easter Sunday in the Worship Center (no Coffee Hour on Easter)
- Prayer Requests
- Prayer Intention:
 - o March 8th, International Women's Day

Affirmation of Faith:

Leader: God is Good! **Response:** All the time! **Leader:** All the time!

Response: God is good to me!

♣ Song #263 (BH)

Invisible, God Only Wise"

"Immortal,

Vs 1 - Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Vs 2- Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above

Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Vs 3 - To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;

In all life Thou livest, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree.

And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

Confession of Sin

Invitation to Silent Confession: Assurance of Pardon: God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us.

Congregation Response: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Amen!

Assurance of Pardon; Worship Assistant: Believe the good news; we are God's healed and forgiven people!

Response to Pardon "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below. Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

- Prayer Intention:
 - o March 8th, International Women's Day
- 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 Assistant: 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 then this: Let us "present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!

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

Prayer of Dedication

Story Time "Business As Unusual"
Mark 11:11, 15-17

☆ Song in Me a Clean Heart"

Create in me a clean heart, O God And renew a right spirit in me. Create in me a clean heart, O God And renew a right spirit in me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, O Lord. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation And renew a right spirit within me.

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Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Hear the Word of the Lord!

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Foolishness and the Power of

God"

☆ Song #101 (BH)
Wondrous Cross"

"When I Survey the

Vs 1 – When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride. Vs 2 – Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

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**: We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Congregation: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Congregation: We believe in the Holy Spirit. The Lord, the giver of life. Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, She is worshipped and glorified.

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!

Elements Are Served

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 Spirit"

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