

Call to Worship Time of Silence

Prelude

Liturgical Response Pastor: Christ is Risen! Congregation: He is Risen Indeed!

### Lighting the Christ Candle

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Presenting the Word

Worship Leader: Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; Congregation: It stands firm in the heavens forever! Psalm 119:89 <sup>‡</sup> Song #101 (LYH) "In His Presence"

In his presence there is comfort, In his presence there is peace. When we seek the Father's heart We will find such bless'd assurance, In the presence of the Lord.

In your presence there is comfort, In your presence there is peace. When we seek to know your heart We will find such bless'd assurance, In your holy presence, Lord.

(Repeat)

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# ✤ Song #102 (LYH) Come and Lead Us"

# "Gentle Shepherd,

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.

Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day.

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*Worship 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.
- Thanks to the deacons for a great breakfast.
- Prayer Requests:
  - Heidi and family, Colleen Teti, Lisa Jeffries and Emergency Health service for Upper Darby and area following the closure of Crozer Health System.

# Affirmation of Faith:

Pastor: God is good! Response: All the time! Pastor: All the time! Response: God is good to me!

"Love

Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love the Lord your God with all your soul. Love the Lord your God with all your mind. Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

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# **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 #607 (PH) "Doxology"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

# 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 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!

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"Bread of

(Refrain)

Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,

We eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.

Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.

*Eat, all of you, and be satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound.* 

Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,

We eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.

Seek not the food that will pass away' set your hearts on the food that endures,

*Come, learn the true and the living way, that the fullness of life may be yours.* 

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# **Prayer of Dedication**

Story Time "There's Blind, and Then There's...Blind!" Acts 9:1-19

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In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open, In the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table— Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace: Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance, In the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people— Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace: Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

#### Scripture Lesson

Acts 9:1-20

#### Hear the Word of the Lord!

1And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, <sup>2</sup>And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: <sup>4</sup>And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him,

Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

<sup>5</sup>And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

<sup>6</sup>And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

<sup>7</sup>And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

<sup>8</sup>And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

<sup>9</sup>And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

<sup>10</sup>And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

<sup>11</sup>And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which

is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

<sup>12</sup>And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.
<sup>13</sup>Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:
<sup>14</sup>And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

<sup>15</sup>But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

<sup>16</sup>For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

<sup>17</sup>And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

 <sup>18</sup>And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.
 <sup>19</sup>And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

<sup>20</sup>And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

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

Sermon Persecuting" "I Am Jesus, Whom You are

✤ Song #55 (LYH) "We Will Glorify"

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb; We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of eath, he is Lord of all who life; He is Lord above the universe, all praise to him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb; Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

## 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, God's only Son?

**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 Pontus 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!

# 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!

# Charge and Benediction

# ✤ Song #138 (LYH) "Go with God"

Go with God. Go with God. As you leave this place, go with God. God will direct your way, God will light ev'ry day. As you leave this place, go with God.

# Postlude