

# Sunday Worship

February 6, 2022

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Before we chose God, God chose us. We are not here because of our goodness but because of the grace of God in Jesus Christ. We are here to allow God's Spirit to enlighten us and to worship God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

### GREETING

The Lord be with you, sisters, and brothers.

### OPENING PRAYER & CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved our neighbors. You embodied yourself in a human body. You lived out your life among those who were sick—physically, mentally, and spiritually. You reached out to touch them, spoke words to comfort them, and performed miracles to heal them. Heal us we pray from the sin-sickness that grips us. Heal us and help us to work for the healing and wholeness of our neighbors as well. Just speak the word of your peace, and we shall be healed. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Psalm 103:8, 10-12**

Hear the good news: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repays us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love. As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us. Believe this good news and live in its peace.

### GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, it is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another:  
"The peace of Christ be with you all."  
"And, also with you."

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, Holy Spirit of God so that by your light we may see your will, your truth, and discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE  
SERMON**

**Luke 10:25-37** PG 1028  
**Do We Start Our Ministry?**

### PRAYER OF BLESSING

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, to love you and to love our neighbors. Lord Jesus, you found us in the ditch and rescued us, according to your great mercy. Now soften our hearts to your will and help us love others as you have loved us, especially those who are most in need, whom we pass by every day. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

**The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 86**

**Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?**

**A.** Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Compassionate God, we remember before you the poor and afflicted, the sick and the dying, prisoners and all who are lonely, the victims of injustice and inhumanity, and all who suffer. Send your Holy Spirit to love and bless them, alleviate their pain, and heal their wounds, in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### BENEDICTION

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forever. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

***Loving God, open our eyes so that we might not cross the road from human need. Give us a deep love for you, that we might see your love at work in this world, and that we might go and do likewise, in Jesus' name. Amen.***

