

# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING: (A time to meet, greet and welcome one another.)

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHIMES (The chimes call us to silent readiness.)

\*INVOCATION

\*HYMN "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" #31

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of the world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

(now follows a brief time for silent, personal confession)

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #733

\*RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 49:1-9

Leader: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

**People: both low and high, rich and poor together.**

Leader: My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

**People: I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

Leader: Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

**People: those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

Leader: Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it

**People: For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice that one should live on forever and never see the grave.**

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Please sign the Ritual of Friendship Card

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Lord's Prayer"  
Nancy Herman, soloist

arr. Hayes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Exodus 1:1-14

p43,LP45

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 7:36-46

p840, LP57

SERMON: "Dealing Shrewdly"

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism, Question 55

Q: What do you understand by "the communion of saints?"

**A: First, that believers one and all, as partakers of the Lord Christ, and all his treasures and gifts, shall share in one fellowship. Second, that each one ought to know that he is obliged to use his gifts freely and with joy for the benefit and welfare of other members.**

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

\*HYMN "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (see insert)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY Hymn #34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" #569

MUSICAL CHARGE: "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" Lennel  
Dawn Larson, Carol Sterup, & Kevin Galt

\*BENEDICTION

\*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

***PLEASE JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS FOR REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP  
AFTER WORSHIP***

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F E L L O W S H I P

R Head Usher: Dave Ruhnke  
V Greeters: Kay Munsch  
I Ushers: Dale Matzke, Ray Christopherson, Allen Meyer  
C Nursery: Janine Steele & friend  
E Coffee: Dave Ruhnke, Gail Matzke, Kay Munsch,  
Gloria Ruhnke, Bev Christopherson

## **FOR OUR VISITORS**

### **ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES**

Assisted listening devices are available in the back of the church, or ask an usher. Large print bulletins and songs are available in the back of the church, or ask an usher.

### **ROOM LOCATIONS**

The nursery is on the same level as the Sanctuary on the west side of the south wing. Fully accessible Restrooms are immediately east of the Sanctuary on the upper level, and east of the Fellowship Hall on the lower level.

**Please Note:** Because it has been requested by some church members who have allergies, the Session would appreciate if you would refrain from wearing perfume or cologne during Sunday worship. Thank you for respecting this request.