

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day, February 17, 2019

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(Register Attendance)

Meditation

Luke 13:24

"Jesus said to them, 'Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.'"

APPROACHING GOD IN WORSHIP

Greeting: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship:

I Chronicles 16:28-29

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations,
Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength,
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name.

People: **Bring an offering and come before Him;
Worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.**

Hymn of Adoration

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#32

Prayer of Adoration

Gloria Patri

#735

*Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.*

APPROACHING GOD IN CONFESSION AND SERVICE

Call to Confession:

Matthew 7:7-12

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father Who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

Prayer of Confession in Unison:

Our Father, we are told that the Kingdom of Heaven requires poverty of spirit, purity of heart, truth, compassion, a non-retaliatory spirit, a life of integrity; and we lack all these things.

We are not as holy, as meek, as truthful, as loving, as pure, as obedient to God as we would like to be. Thus we bow before You, asking for grace that these virtues might multiply in our lives. We acknowledge that the virtues the Kingdom requires, we do not possess, and that these same virtues, only You can give.

Help us to be persistent in desiring and praying for these virtues, that we may be profitable servants in Your Kingdom.

We come to You in our Savior's name and merit. Amen.

Now hear the Lord's Assurance of Pardon

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9

Hymn

Behold the Throne of Grace!

#627

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology #731
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures, here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Hymn #528
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Pastoral Prayer

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

The Scripture Reading: *Malachi 2:10-16
Luke 16:14-18*

Elder: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it.

People: **Open our eyes, that we may see wonderful things from Thy Word.**

Children may leave at this time for Children's Church. (Ages 3-7)

The Morning Sermon
The Law, the Gospel and the Kingdom Rev. Don Rackley

Prayer of Application

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn
By Faith (v.1-4) Insert

Benediction
Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord look with favor upon you and give you peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymn
By Faith (v.5) Insert

Postlude

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP
Rev. Don Rackley, *Pastor*
Rev. Tim Rackley, *Associate Pastor*
Greg Harrod, *Assisting Elder*

Brad Doeden, *Music Leader*
Liesel Engelbrecht, *Pianist*

SERMON OUTLINE

The Law, the Gospel and the Kingdom

The Scripture Reading:

Malachi 2:10-16

Luke 16:14-18

Point: Faithfulness is no accident; it arises out of what a person is through and through.

I. The Law, the Gospel and the Kingdom

- A. The ridicule of the Pharisees.
- B. Lovers of money.
- C. True riches.

II. The Rebuke of Jesus

- A. They tried to justify themselves.
- B. Learning to be faithful.
- C. Sons of light.

III. Divorce and the Pharisees

- A. Confusion about the law.
- B. The traditions of men.
- C. Pressing into the kingdom.