

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day, March 8, 2020

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

Mark 8:18

*"Do you have eyes but fail to see,
and ears but fail to hear?
And don't you remember?"*

APPROACHING GOD IN WORSHIP

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

Call to Worship:

Hebrews 10:19-22

Pastor: Brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is His body and since we have a great Priest over the house of God,

People: **Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.**

Hymn of Adoration

How Firm a Foundation

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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:

Hebrews 11:1-7

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. . . .By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteousness man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead. . . . And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists, and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.”

Prayer of Confession in Unison:

Father, the writer of Hebrews speaks of faith in You. Faith requires us to believe You, even when we can't physically verify with our eyes what You say. Abel believed Your commands regarding sacrifice, and he obeyed. Cain exercised no faith and disobeyed. Noah not seeing any evidence of a coming flood, lived by faith and built the ark You commanded. Each of these men obeyed because they took You at Your Word.

We beg Your forgiveness for when we haven't believed You, so we haven't obeyed. Give us, through Your Spirit, the faith we need to be obedient. By His power, may we walk in righteousness.

We ask it in the name of our Lord Jesus. Amen

Now hear the Lord's Assurance of Pardon

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

1 John 1:9

Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#528

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*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

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Pastoral Prayer**RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD****The Scripture Reading:***II Kings 6:11-23**Mark 8:1-21*

Pastor: 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*Faith to Understand*

Rev. Tim Rackley

Prayer of Application**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD****Hymn***By Faith*

Insert

Benediction*Romans 15:13*

Pastor: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Amen

Postlude

ASSISTING IN WORSHIPRev. Tim Rackley, *Senior Pastor*Rev. Don Rackley, *Associate Pastor*Brad Doeden, *Assisting Elder*Liesel Engelbrecht, *Pianist*

SERMON NOTES

Faith to Understand

The Scripture Reading:

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Mark 8:1-21

Point: Growing in faith is a process.