

# April 3, 2022 The Service for the Lord's Day 10:30 A.M.

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### The Welcome

#### The Prelude: "He Will Hold Me Fast"

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path; for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast. He will hold fast, He will hold me fast; for my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

## \*The Call to Worship (responsively): Psalm 124:8; Psalm 115:1

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

\*The Hymn of Praise #168: "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

\*The Hymn of Assurance: "He Will Hold Me Fast"

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For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast 'til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

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The Special Time for Young Disciples

The Prayer for Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture: Acts 15:36-41

The Proclamation of the Gospel: "Disagreement in Unity"

The Prayer for a Right Response to God's Word

\*The Affirmation of Faith (responsively): 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 at 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.

\*The Gloria: "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high! Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory! Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity! Alleluia! Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty!

The Invitation to Discipleship and Body Life

The Celebrations and Concerns of the Church

The Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory Hymn: "Communion Hymn/Behold the Lamb"

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember: the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice, as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice, as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond: and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\*The Communion Invocation (in unison):

O God, who by the blood of your dear Son has consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest place above all: Cleanse our minds and the secrets of our hearts, by the blood of Christ, that drawing near to you with a pure heart and conscience undefiled, we may receive these your gifts without sin, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Instruction and Invitation to the Table of the Lord

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration, concluding with The Lord's Prayer (in unison):

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn #257: "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

\*The Benediction

**The Congregational Response** 

The Postlude