



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God. Let us remember God's marvelous works.

People: Surely God has saved us in difficult times. How can we forget God's guiding hand?

Leader: When evil surrounds us and we have been wronged, God helps us turn the evil to good.

People: We need not be afraid whatever happens. We are in God's care wherever we go.

Leader: Sing the praises of God, our strength. Know that God is majestic and holy.

People: How great is God's mercy for all who worship! We sense among us God's kindness and patience.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

No. 2

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We bow before your judgment seat, O God. We have ranked our sisters and brothers by the faulty standards of our society to decide who is worthy of our attention. We have rejected those whom we dislike and have been harsh with those we think do not measure up. We have been quite willing to overlook our own faults as we look down on other people. O God, you have shown us a better way. Save us from the pain we inflict and help us discover the blessing of forgiveness. Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God has pity on us and releases us from the debts we have accumulated. In the great design of the universe, we are equipped to receive this forgiveness, only when we extend it to others. Jesus points us to unlimited willingness to forgive—seventy times seven. How amazing is God's love for us, and God's expectation of us! Friends, believe the good news...

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI

No. 581

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

"God's Work"

~ Don Besig

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Exodus 14:19-31

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

"Debts and Debtors"

Rev. John Pruitt

***HYMN**

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

No. 444

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

No. 435

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Sep 17)

Greeters: Priscilla Henderson, Dale Watts

Ushers: Norman & Lynda Self

Lay Reader: Sam Henderson

Serving Next Sunday (Sep 24)

Greeters: Millie Vernon, Bernie Krecklow

Ushers: Norman & Lynda Self

Lay Reader: Dottie Roudabush

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GOOD MORNING! We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today (9/17)	9:00a 9:30a 10:30a	Café Faith Sunday School Worship Service
Mon (9/18)	9:00a 6:30p	Bulletin Information Due Sweet Adelines
Tue (9/19)	1:00p 5:00p	Decorative Painting Ministry Weight Watchers
Wed (9/20)	9:00a 9:30a 7:30p	Wt. Watchers Men's Bible Study Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu (9/21)	5:30p	The Next 56 Days
Fri (9/22)		No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat (9/23)	8:30a	Women's Bible Study
Sun (9/24)	9:00a 9:30a 10:30a	Café Faith Sunday School Worship Service

Rent-A-Youth: Don't Forget! If you need any yard work done, household repairs, odds & ends work, please contact Amy Evans and **rent our youth to do the work!**

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

Committee Chairs
Don't forget to pick up your mail from your mailbox located in the audio room just out side of the Sanctuary.



Please fill out prayer request cards.
This will ensure that your request is added to the prayer list and that names are spelled correctly.
Thank you for your assistance!

