Order of Worship July 26, 2020

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Meditation

Introit (308 GTG) O God in Whom All Life Begins, vs. 1

Call to Worship

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
 **Worship the Lord with gladness.  
 Come into God’s presence with singing!**  
 Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

**O God, light of the hearts that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, and to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

Hymn (403 GTG) Open Now Thy Gates, vs. 1 & 3

Call to Confession

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.** (Pause for a time of silent confession.)

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us for God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

Sharing Peace

Special Music Take Thou Our Minds Dear Lord

Prayers of the People

Scripture Readings

Psalm 105: Responsively with Refrain

*Refrain*

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
    make known his deeds among the peoples.  
**2Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
    tell of all his wonderful works.  
3**Glory in his holy name;  
    let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
**4Seek the Lord and his strength;  
    seek his presence continually**.  
**5**Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
    his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,  
**6O offspring of his servant Abraham,   
    children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

*Refrain*

**7**He is the Lord our God;  
    his judgments are in all the earth.  
**8He is mindful of his covenant forever,  
    of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,  
9**the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,  
**10which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
    to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**

**42**For he remembered his holy promise,  
    and Abraham, his servant.

**43So he brought his people out with joy,  
    his chosen ones with singing.**

*Refrain*

Genesis 29:15–28

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

Sermon Hidden Things Are Made Known

Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith)

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Dedication of Offerings

Hymn (295 GTG) Go to the World (vs. 2, 3, 4)

Benediction

Postlude