

Order of Worship August 16, 2020

PRELUDE

Psalm of Stillness

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

MEDITATION

The Lord's My Shepherd

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INTROIT #317 verses 1 & 3. In Christ There Is No East or West

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rom. 11:1–2a, 29–32

God has forgiven us and drawn us close, reconciling us through Jesus Christ, who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit. With glad and grateful hearts, praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, Son of God, your blessings know no boundaries that faith cannot cross. Strengthen us to trust in your mercy, reach out for your healing, and receive your reconciliation. Amen.

HYMN # 310 vs. 1,2,5. I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins without fear to the One who yearns to embrace us, forgive us, protect us, and bless us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus; we are tormented! Our lives have been disrupted by the devil and by our own devilish desires and evil exploits. We are dismayed at your presence, anguished by the awful fallout of our own failures. We cannot take back what we have said or undo what we have done or atone for the agony we have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. We shrink away from your gaze as strangers outside your circle of blessing. Yet the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor, returns

to your presence, and hungers for your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Pause for silent confession). And let all God's children say, **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Our God kisses us with kindness, forgiving our sins, preserving our lives, and restoring our souls through the abundant provision of our Lord Jesus Christ. Receive now that for which faith has hungered: you are forgiven and healed in the name of Jesus the Christ.

PASSING THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC. #426 God of Compassion, in Mercy Defend Us

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
Lord help us. **We trust in you.**

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 45:1-15

GOSPEL READING Matthew 15:10-28

SERMON The Big Reveal

CLOSING HYMN # 299 vs 1,3,4. Ye Servants of God

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Let the Whole Creation Cry Lloyd Larson