

Ordinary Time
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

# Call to Worship Psalm 103:1-14

Leader—

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

#### Congregation—

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

#### Leader—

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

# Congregation—

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children,

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

For he knows our frame;

he remembers that we are dust.

## Song of Praise, This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world And to my list'ning ears All nature sings and 'round me rings Music of the spheres

#### Chorus 1—

This is my Father's world I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees of skies and seas His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise

#### Chorus 2—

This is my Father's world He shines in all that's fair In the rust'ling grass I hear Him pass He speaks to me ev'rywhere

This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget, and
And though the wrong seems oft so
strong, God is the Ruler yet

#### Chorus 3—

This is my Father's world Why should my heart be sad The Lord is King let the heavens ring God reigns let the earth be glad

#### Personal Confession of Sin (in silence)

#### **Corporate Confession of Sin**

O God of our salvation, give light to us who come to you in the dark night of sin. Let your truth pierce whatever hides your will from our hearts; let your Spirit sweep away the vanity of our lives; bring us new birth so we might see the glory of your kingdom, given when you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. Amen.

# Assurance of the Gospel

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

#### Song of the Gospel, Man of Sorrows

"Man of Sorrows," what a name For the Son of God who came Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood; Sealed my pardon with His blood; Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we, Spotless Lamb of God was He; Full redemption—can it be? Hallelujah! what a Savior! Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished!" was His cry; Now in heaven exalted high; Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, To His kingdom us to bring, Then anew this song we'll sing Hallelujah! what a Savior!

# Children ages 4 to 6 are dismissed to Children's Church

We love for the corporate worship gathering to be a family-friendly time, however, please feel free to either use overflow space in the office suite or check your children into the nursery/children's church if they are finding it difficult to sit through the service. Children's interactive bulletins are also available in the foyer.

#### **Scripture Lessons**

Old Testament
Zechariah 3:1-5
(Page 794 in the Pew Bible)

Leader—
This is the word of the Lord
Congregation—
Thanks be to God

<u>Gospel</u>

Matthew 18:21-35 (Page 823 in the Pew Bible)

Leader—
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## Pastoral Prayer 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 have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

#### Sermon Passage

Judges 15 Page 214 in the Pew Bible

Sermon

"Foxes, Fire, and a Donkey Jaw" Darrell Daulton

#### Song of Response, My Worth is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own Not in the strength of flesh and bone But in the costly wounds Of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name In win or lose in pride or shame But in the blood of Christ That flowed at the cross

#### Chorus—

I rejoice in my Redeemer Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul I will trust in Him no other My soul is satisfied in Him alone As summer flowers we fade and die Fame youth and beauty hurry by But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might Or human wisdom's fleeting light But I will boast in knowing Christ At the cross

Two wonders here that I confess My worth and my unworthiness My value fixed my ransom paid At the cross

#### The Lord's Supper

Please come forward, when you like, to share from the common bread, which signifies our oneness in Christ. It is also gluten free to enable as many to partake as feasible. Then take from the individual servings of wine or juice, which signifies our individual discipleship with Jesus. You may leave your cup at the table or take it back to your seat and drink it there.

#### Song of Communion, The Goodness of Jesus

Come you weary heart now to Jesus Come you anxious soul now and see There is perfect love and comfort in your tears Rest here in His wondrous peace Come find what this world cannot offer Come and find your joy here complete Taste the living water never thirst again Rest here in His wondrous peace

#### Chorus—

Oh the goodness the goodness of Jesus Satisfied he is all that I need May it be come what may that I rest all my days In the goodness of Jesus Come and find your hope now in Jesus He is all he said he would be Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart Rest here in His wondrous peace

#### **Benediction**

#### Commissioning

Pastor—

Let us go into the world as children of God and servants of Christ to love and serve others.

# Congregation— Thanks be to God!

## The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye, heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen



# **Prayers**

#### Greenville

We pray this week for **Pendleton Place**. We thank God for their presence in Greenville and praise him for how they have helped vulnerable children and young adults find stability.

#### **United States**

God, please bless the **orphanages and foster care system** within our nation. Please protect the souls and minds of the children who find themselves in the care of these systems, and let them know love that is unexplainable. Guide caring people to adopt and foster children in need.

#### World

Lord, we lift up **Joe and Karen**, our friends who are serving as missionaries to **Central Asia**. Make your presence real to them, so they know that they are never alone. Give them encouragement to continue in their efforts, even when they do not see the fruit of their labor.

#### **Announcements**

Dinner for the Curlee's | September 18, 6-8:30p

Fourth Sunday Service | September 24, 4-6p

Youth Nite | September 24, 4-6p

New Member Class | Fri, Sept 29 - 5:30-8:30p, Sat, Sept 30 - 8:30-11:30a

Church Retreat | Oct. 21, 9a-9p

English Club | Tuesday Nights, 6-8p

Freedom That Lasts | Starting soon. For more info, contact Ben Marshall

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**Note**: Children are a blessing from the Lord but may have trouble sitting through an entire service. Parents who would like to tend to their children may utilize the Augustine Library in the lower level.



# We are united by our Core Values

Community | Discipleship Liturgy | Mercy + Mission | Simplicity

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