

October 22, 2023

Thank you for serving as worship assistant this Sunday! Your parts for the service are below in black print, with some logistical notes in red. After the welcome and announcements and the Introit, you can go up to the podium to lead the Call to Worship, and begin by saying:

Please join me in our responsive Call to Worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

[From the entrance]

Lord, you have welcomed us, saying, "I know you by name, and you have found favor with me."

[From the midst of the congregation]

Lord, you have promised us, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

[From the font]

Lord, you have blessed us, saying, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you."

[From the pulpit]

Lord, you have humbled us, saying, "I will proclaim my holy name in your presence."

Thank you, Lord, for doing and saying these things,
for revealing your glory to us.

May this glory put in an appearance with us today
during this service of worship.

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God, you are here. Tuck us into the cleft of the rock; cover us with your hand when we are anxious; give us the courage to do your will, through Christ, who calls us by name. Amen.

❖ **HYMN no. 280** *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord says: I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. Let us now confess our sin, casting ourselves on the promised mercy and compassion of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Majestic God, do we tremble in awe before you? [silence]
Worthy God, have we raised your name in praise? [silence]
Sovereign God, have we executed justice? [silence]
Living Spirit, have we allowed you to do a new thing with and through us? [silence]
We bow before you, holy God.
Forgive us. Free us.

In the strong name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

The Lord said to Moses: There is a place near me where you may stand upon a rock. When my glory passes by, I'll shield you. I will cover you with my hand. Beloved ones, God has shielded us, covered our sin with the hand of protection, through Christ, the rock of our salvation.

SUNG REPOSE no. 287

Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN, PRESENTATION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES and THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, illumine for us this Word, that the message of the gospel may come to us with power this morning, full of love, grace, and the vitality that is our Living and True God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." The Lord said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And Moses said to the Lord, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that

you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And the Lord said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," the Lord said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

(you can return to your seat or remain seated up front) **Thank you!**