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May God bless your worship with us this day. A new day of salvation!

Welcome! We worship the Triune God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. We are pleased you are here to worship with us today. Make yourself at home; you are among the family of Christ. If you are visiting, please do introduce yourself to others and to our Pastor. Please sign our Guest Book in the narthex so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again!

Preparation for Worship: The order of worship for today begins on the back of this page.

To Stand or Sit: There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to stand. Sometimes, “wrestling” with kids, or a personal health condition makes standing uncomfortable...please know: It is okay to stand or sit.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Polka Worship Service

Welcome

All Sing: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on

Chorus:

Glory, Glory hallelujah!
Glory, Glory hallelujah!
Glory, Glory hallelujah!
His Truth is marching on

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps
They have built Him an altar in the evening dews and damps
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps
His day is marching on. **(Chorus)**

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgement seat
Oh be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. **(Chorus)**

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free
While God is marching on. **(Chorus)**

(stand)

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(please ponder your sins)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

(sit)

All Sing: "Keep on the Sunny Side"

There's a dark and troubled side of life
There's a bright and a sunny side too
Though we meet with the darkness and strife
The sunny side we also may view

Chorus:

Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side
Keep on the sunny side of life
It will help us every day, it will brighten all the way
If we keep on the sunny side of life.

Through the storm and its furies rage today
Crushing hopes that we cherish so dear
Clouds and storms will in time pass away
The sun again will shine bright and clear **(Chorus)**

Let us greet with a song of hope each day
Though the moments be cloudy or fair
Let us trust in our Saviour always
To keep us, everyone, in His care **(Chorus)**

(stand)

Psalm (*said responsively by half verse*)

Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 2

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

(sit)

All Sing: "When the Saints Go Marching In"

When the Saints go marching in,
When the Saints go marching in,
Lord, I want to be in that number
When the Saints go marching in.

Oh when the sun begins to shine
Oh when the sun begins to shine
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the sun begins to shine

Oh when the trumpet sounds its call
When the trumpet sounds its call
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the sun begins to shine.

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Amos 6:1–7

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!
²Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,
³O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?
⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,
⁶who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle (*this is the basis of today's sermon*)

1 Timothy 6:6–19

⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

All Sing: "Church In The Wildwood"

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood
No lovelier spot in the dale
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.

Chorus:

(Oh come come come come)
Come to the church in the wildwood
Oh come to the church in the vale.
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.

How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning
To list'n to the clear ringing bell
Its tones so sweetly are calling
Oh come to the church in the vale. **(Chorus)**

There close by the church in the valley
Lies one that I loved so well.
She sleeps sweetly sleep 'neath the willow
Disturb not her rest in the vale. **(Chorus)**

There close by the side of that loved one
'Neath the tree where the wild flowers bloom
When farewell hymns shall be chanted
I shall rest by her side in the tomb. **(Chorus)**

(stand)

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19–31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

(sit)

Children's Message

All Sing: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Chorus:

Precious Lord, take my hand.
Lead me on , let me stand.
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows dear, precious Lord linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home. **(Chorus)**

When the darkness appears, and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. **(Chorus)**

SERMON "Fight the Good Fight of Faith" *(based upon 1 Timothy 6:6-19)*

OFFERING

(stand for prayer)

Prays of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

(sit)

All Sing: "The Old Rugged Cross"

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

Chorus:

So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross (rugged cross)
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
It's shame and reproach gladly bear
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away
Where his glory forever I'll share **(Chorus)**

Join us for breakfast in the fellowship hall after the worship service. Breakfast will be French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, and beverages. There will be a free will offering with proceeds going to the fellowship hall debt reduction.