

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Spiritual “CPR” Service will continue on Wednesday evenings - The acronym stands for “Campfire, Praise and Renewal. Masks and distancing encouraged. On the Wednesdays following a Communion Sunday we will also serve the sacrament at the CPR. This event starts at 7 PM. Bring your lawn chairs!

## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 51:10–12*

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
C: **and renew a right spirit within me.**

P: Cast me not away from Your presence,  
C: **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
C: **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us therefore come before His throne of grace with humble and sincere hearts to lay our burdens down.

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

P: Gracious Lord,

C: **we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. Even in our walk with you we have failed to be genuine in our faith response to Your grace. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your instructions for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Pastor pronounces the forgiveness of sins*

P: ... You are free in Christ and because of Christ, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE “Hear our Praises”

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.  
Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the evil of sin and death at the cross for our redemption. Grant to us the goodness of our Savior so that we are not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 15:15–21* (The Lord gives His precious, saving words.)

[15] O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.  
In your forbearance take me not away;  
know that for your sake I bear reproach.  
[16] Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart,  
for I am called by your name,

O LORD, God of hosts.  
[17] I did not sit in the company of revelers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,  
for you had filled me with indignation.  
[18] Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail?

[19] Therefore thus says the LORD:  
"If you return, I will restore you,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall be as my mouth.  
They shall turn to you,  
but you shall not turn to them.  
[20] And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
declares the LORD.  
[21] I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **EPISTLE** Romans 12:9-21 (Marks of the True Christian)

[9] Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. [10] Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. [11] Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. [12] Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. [13] Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

[14] Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. [15] Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. [16] Live in harmony with one

another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. [17] Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. [18] If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. [19] Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." [20] To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." [21] Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (ESV)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **VERSE** *Matthew 16:25*

P: Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it,  
C: **but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.**

#### **HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 16:21–28* (Jesus calls His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.  
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[21] From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. [22] And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." [23] But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

[24] Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. [25] For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. [26] For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? [27] For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. [28] Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN No. 908** "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"

**SERMON** "Let Love be Unmasked" Romans 12:9

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

**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.**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

**All: 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**BLESSING OF THE LORD** Romans 12:2 & *Numbers 6:24-26*

**P:** Do not be overcome by evil,

**C:** **but overcome evil with good.**

**P:** The LORD bless you and keep you.

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

The LORD smile upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**P:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**AS YOU LEAVE** "Grace Comes Like a Wave" Elevation