

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, June 30, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 28:6-9

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

Congregation: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Pastor: The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

All: Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

*** We Sing in Response:** #277 Black Hymnal "*Lift High the Cross*"

*** We Seek God's Presence in Prayer**

We Confess Our Sins Together : Jesus, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we are proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we make toward others, and the leniency we often show ourselves. Forgive the half-truths and dishonest things we say, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgences we show to ourselves. Jesus, have mercy on us and make us whole. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Isaiah 53:12

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #4 CG Hymns "*His Mercy is More*"

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** Westminster Larger Catechism Q/A #78-79

Pastor: *Why are believers not completely sanctified?*

All: Believers are not completely or perfectly sanctified because they retain some remnants of sin throughout their whole being and are continually plagued with desires of their old sinful nature that are contrary to the spirit. Consequently, believers are frequently defeated by temptation, commit many sins, and are hindered from performing their spiritual obligations, so that their best works in God's eyes are imperfect and defiled.

Pastor: *Since true believers are imperfect, are tempted, and commit sin, can they fall out of their state of grace?*

All: Because of God's unchangeable love, he has decreed and made a covenant with believers that they will persevere, that they are inseparably united to Christ, who continually intercedes for them, and that the Spirit and the seed of God abide in them. Consequently, they can never completely or finally fall out of their state of grace, because the power of God preserves their salvation through faith.

We Read From God's Word: John 17

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: John 1:10 "He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him."

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory

* **We Sing the Doxology:** #731 Red Hymnal "*Doxology*"

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

Children's Sermon

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #67 Black Hymnal "*Still, My Soul, Be Still*"

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Luke 22:31-38

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "*Readiness for Hardship*" - Pastor Ryan Diehl

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #381 Black Hymnal "*The Solid Rock*"

* **The Lord Sends Us Out (Benediction)**

Sermon Outline
“Readiness for Hardship”

Luke 22:31-38
June 30, 2024

Big Idea: Since Jesus died a sinner’s death for us, we must have an unashamed readiness to follow Jesus in increased times of hardship.

What must we know in times of increased hardship?

Main Point #1: _____ is trying to destroy us (v31)

Main Point #2: _____ is praying for us (v32)

Main Point #3: We may be tempted toward _____ (v33-34)

Main Point #4: We may radically _____ (v35-38)