

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, July 28, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Isaiah 61:1-3

Pastor: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;

Congregation: He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

Pastor: To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

All: To grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

*** We Sing in Response:** #164 Red Hymnal *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

* We Seek God's Presence in Prayer

We Confess Our Sins Together : Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Habakkuk 2:4

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #7 CG Hymns *"Only A Holy God"*

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** O God, we bless you for the happy moment when we first saw your law fulfilled in Christ, wrath appeased, death destroyed, sin forgiven, our souls saved. Ever since, you have been faithful to us: daily have we proved the power of Jesus' blood, daily have we known the strength of the Spirit, our teacher, director, sanctifier. We want no other rock to build upon than that we have, desire no other hope than that of gospel truth, need no other look than that which gazes on the cross. May our cry be always, Only Jesus! only Jesus! In him is freedom from condemnation, fullness in his righteousness, eternal vitality in his given life, everlasting union in fellowship with him; In him we have all that we can hold; enlarge us to take in more of Christ! – *Adapted from the Valley of Vision*

We Read From God's Word: Psalm 22:1-18

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: John 1:11-12 "He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

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**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #500 Red Hymnal "*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*"

Children ages 4 through kindergarten dismissed to Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your child in the lobby on your way to the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Luke 23:26-43

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "*Father, Forgive Them, They Know Not What They Do*"
- Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #274 Black Hymnal "*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*"

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

Sermon Outline
Luke 23:26-43
“Father, Forgive Them”
07-28-24

Proposition: The cross of the Lord Jesus Christ is the supreme display of God’s Divine Love and Justice in Judgment whereby sinners can be forgiven and set free in the Kingdom of God.

Main Point One: Jesus’ _____

- Sub Point One: The Seizure of Simon of Cyrene
- Sub Point Two: The Mourner’s Lament
- Sub Point Three: The Coming Judgment of God
- Sub Point Four: Jesus ‘Numbered with Transgressors’

Main Point Two: Jesus’ _____

- Sub Point One: Jesus’ Plea
- Sub Point Two: The Futility of Sin
- Sub Point Three: The Scoffers and Mockers
- Sub Point Four: The Power of Jesus’ Blood

Main Point Three: Jesus’ _____

- Sub Point One: Are you not “The Christ?”
- Sub Point Two: Fearing God
- Sub Point Three: The Criminals Plea.... “Remember Me”
- Sub Point Four: Jesus’ Promise of Paradise