

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, September 8, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of 1 Peter 1:13-16

Leader: Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Congregation: As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,

Leader: but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

All: since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

* **We Sing in Response:** #100 Red Hymnal "*Holy, Holy, Holy!*"

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

We Confess Our Sins Together : Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksand's, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. – *From Reformed Resources on Monergism*

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Hebrews 10:19-22

* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** Handout "*Only a Holy God*" (please leave handouts in your pew at the end of service so we can reuse them in the future)

* **We Confess Our Faith Together:** We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen. – *Nicene Creed*

We Read From God's Word: Galatians 5:16-24

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: John 1:14 "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory: *"Lord, Speak to Me" (Vocal Ensemble)*

The congregation is requested to sing verse 4 with the ensemble (lyrics below):

"O fill us with your presence, Lord, until our very hearts o'erflow, in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show, O use us Lord, use each of us, just as you will and when and where; until your blessed face we see, your rest, your joy, your glory share."

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

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #77 Black Hymnal "God of Grace"

Children ages 4 through kindergarten dismissed to Children's Worship. The children will be reunited with their parents after the sermon.

Leader Reads the Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Leader Preaches God's Word: "And Such Were Some of You" – Mr. Chase Walker (Campus Outreach Director SIUE)

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #389 Black Hymnal "All I Have Is Christ"

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