

The Order for the Worship of God

*Let the first tone of the organ be a call to quiet meditation
in which all may become aware of God's presence,
and to lift up a prayer for yourself and for Faith Church.*

Prelude

Mary Heller

Welcome and Greeting

Preparation of Our Hearts

† Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

Who made heaven and earth.

O come, let us sing to the LORD

And shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

Singing joyful songs of praise.

† Opening Psalm

#95 Now With Joyful Exultation

(Gray Psalter Hymnal)

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103

⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **He will not always accuse,
Nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

¹⁰ **He does not deal with us according to our sins,
Nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ **For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;**

¹² **as far as the east is from the west,
So far he removes our transgressions from us.**

Psalter Reading

Psalms 110
Sue Young

¹ The Lord says to my lord,
‘Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies your footstool.’

² **The Lord sends out from Zion
your mighty sceptre.
Rule in the midst of your foes.**

³ Your people will offer themselves willingly
on the day you lead your forces
on the holy mountains.
From the womb of the morning,
like dew, your youth will come to you.

⁴ **The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind,
‘You are a priest for ever according to the order of Melchizedek.’**

⁵ The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

⁶ **He will execute judgement among the nations,
filling them with corpses;**

**he will shatter heads
over the wide earth.**

⁷ He will drink from the stream by the path;
therefore he will lift up his head.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 7:1-14

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ⁴ The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then, as I watched, its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a human being; and a human mind was given to it. ⁵ Another beast appeared, a second one, that looked like a bear. It was raised up on one side, had three tusks in its mouth among its teeth and was told, 'Arise, devour many bodies!' ⁶ After this, as I watched, another appeared, like a leopard. The beast had four wings of a bird on its back and four heads; and dominion was given to it. ⁷ After this I saw in the visions by night a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth and was devouring, breaking in pieces, and stamping what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that preceded it, and it had ten horns. ⁸ I was considering the horns, when another horn appeared, a little one coming up among them; to make room for it, three of the earlier horns were plucked up by the roots. There were eyes like human eyes in this horn, and a mouth speaking arrogantly. ⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne;

his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened.

¹¹ I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God for His Word.

Anthem

With Thanksgiving and Praise

Children's Sermon

† Second Hymn

#453 Let All Things Now Living
(Gray Psalter Hymnal)

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Sermon

Pastor Andrew Winter

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings

† Response # 638 The Doxology

(Gray Psalter Hymnal)

† Prayer of Dedication

Bravely Women's Health mission is to provide education, support, and resources that empower individuals to make life-affirming decisions before, during, and after pregnancy.

Joys and Concerns

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

† **Closing Hymn**

#432 For the Beauty of the Earth

(Gray Psalter Hymnal)

† **Announcements**

† **Benediction**

Postlude

† Those who are able, please stand