### 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 Psalm 46

Pastor SJ Winter

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
- 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- **† Opening Hymn** #469 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Gray Psalter Hymnal)

Confession of Sin Romans 3:21-24

21 But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

### **Psalter Reading**

Psalm 65

Pastor SJ Winter

1 Praise is due to you,

O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

2 O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

- 3 When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.
- 4 Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

5 By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,

O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

### 6 By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

7 You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

## 8 Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

# 10 You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

11 You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

### 12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 3

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God for His Word.

Anthem/Special Music Creation Sings

arr. by James Koerts

Children's Sermon Tower of Babel

**† Hymn** There Is a Fountain

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New Testament Reading Hebrews 12:18-29

18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. 20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' 21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. 25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! 26 At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' 27 This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; 29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

**Sermon** Rev. Nate Osner

### **Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings**

† Response #638 The Doxology

(Gray Psalter Hymnal)

Prayer of Dedication

### **Joys and Concerns**

### † Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Habitat for Humanity seeks to put God's love into action, bringing people together to build homes, community, and hope in Lafayette, IN.

**† Closing Hymn** 

#12 Like a River Glorious

(Supplemental Hymnal)

- † Announcements
- † Benediction

**Postlude**