

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

† Opening Hymn

#48 Great Is the LORD our God
(Gray Psalter Hymnal)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Psalter Reading

Psalms 119:49-72
Kris Stith

- ⁴⁹ Remember your word to your servant,
in which you have made me hope.
- ⁵⁰ **This is my comfort in my distress,
that your promise gives me life.**
- ⁵¹ The arrogant utterly deride me,
but I do not turn away from your law.
- ⁵² **When I think of your ordinances from of old,
I take comfort, O Lord.**
- ⁵³ Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked,
those who forsake your law.
- ⁵⁴ **Your statutes have been my songs
wherever I make my home.**
- ⁵⁵ I remember your name in the night, O Lord,
and keep your law.
- ⁵⁶ **This blessing has fallen to me,
for I have kept your precepts.**
- ⁵⁷ The Lord is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.
- ⁵⁸ **I implore your favour with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.**
- ⁵⁹ When I think of your ways,
I turn my feet to your decrees;
- ⁶⁰ **I hurry and do not delay
to keep your commandments.**
- ⁶¹ Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,
I do not forget your law.
- ⁶² **At midnight I rise to praise you,
because of your righteous ordinances.**

- ⁶³ I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.
- ⁶⁴ **The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes.**
- ⁶⁵ You have dealt well with your servant,
O Lord, according to your word.
- ⁶⁶ **Teach me good judgement and knowledge,
for I believe in your commandments.**
- ⁶⁷ Before I was humbled I went astray,
but now I keep your word.
- ⁶⁸ **You are good and do good;
teach me your statutes.**
- ⁶⁹ The arrogant smear me with lies,
but with my whole heart I keep your precepts.
- ⁷⁰ **Their hearts are fat and gross,
but I delight in your law.**
- ⁷¹ It is good for me that I was humbled,
so that I might learn your statutes.
- ⁷² **The law of your mouth is better to me
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.**

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 4:1-13

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest is still open, let us take care that none of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For indeed the good news came to us just as to them; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said,

‘As in my anger I swore,
“They shall not enter my rest”’,

though his works were finished at the foundation of the world. ⁴ For in one place it speaks about the seventh day as follows: ‘And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.’

⁵ And again in this place it says, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’ ⁶ Since therefore it remains open for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again he sets a certain day—‘today’—saying through David much later, in the words already quoted,

‘Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.’

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not speak later about another day. ⁹ So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God; ¹⁰ for those who enter God’s rest also cease from their labours as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one may fall through such disobedience as theirs. ¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Special Music

Blest Be the Tie That Binds Handbell Choir
Arr by Janet Van Valley & Susan Berry

Children’s Sermon

† Hymn

Arise, My Soul, Arise (Insert)

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:8-11

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹² Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁴ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Sermon

Pastor Andrew Winter

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings

† Response # 638 The Doxology (Gray Psalter Hymnal)

† Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

David Stith

Local Emergency Aid Program (LEAP) This program aids families who need temporary financial support.

† Closing Hymn

#288 Take My Life and Let it Be
(Gray Psalter Hymnal)

† Announcements

† Benediction

Postlude