

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day, February 7, 2010

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements (Register Attendance)

Meditation

Luke 1:46-47, 53a

"Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. He has filled the hungry with good things'."

APPROACHING GOD IN WORSHIP

Greeting: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship:

Psalm 15:1-3, 5

Minister: LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

People: He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart;

Minister: He who does not backbite with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;

People: He who does not put out his money at usury, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

Hymn of Adoration

Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him

#17

Prayer of Adoration

Gloria Patri

#735

Ministry of Music

Let the Earth Resound

Trio
by Getty and Townend

APPROACHING GOD IN CONFESSION AND SERVICE

Call to Confession:

Philippians 2:1-4

"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Prayer of Confession in Unison:

Our Father in heaven, we come to You in confession of our sin. We confess that we are sinners in constant need of Your grace. We have pledged our lives to Jesus Christ. We desire unity in His church because unity among His people was so important to Him.

Yet we are so inclined to press our own agenda. We are selfish by nature. Help us to esteem our brothers and sisters as more important than ourselves.

Father, may the attitude which characterized our Savior characterize us. He was a humble man. He did not think of Himself. He took the form of a servant for the eternal good of others.

Father, forgive us for our self-focus. Strengthen us to live for the good of our brothers and sisters and for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession of Sin

We come to You in our Savior's name and merit. Amen.

Now hear the Lord's Assurance of Pardon

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

I John 1:9

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology #731

Hymn
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #457

Pastoral Prayer

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

The Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:1-8
Mark 8:1-21

Minister: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it.

People: **Open our eyes, that we may see wonderful things from Thy Word.**

Children may leave at this time for Children's Church.

The Morning Sermon
Bread, Signs and Leaven Rev. Don Rackley

Prayer of Application

Hymn
Behold the Lamb Trio
by The Gettys and Townend

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Apostles' Creed Insert

Words of Institution and Invitation I Corinthians 11:23-29

Prayer of Confession and Consecration

Receiving the Bread
Is not the bread we break a sharing in the body of Christ? I Cor. 10:16

Receiving the Cup
Is not the cup of blessing a sharing in the blood of Christ? I Cor. 10:16

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ministry of Mercy Offering will be taken as you leave.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn
By Faith (v.1-4) Insert

Benediction

Hymn
By Faith (v.5) Insert

Postlude

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Don Rackley, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Tim Rackley, *Associate Pastor*
Mike Kanaga, *Assisting Elder*

Liesel Engelbrecht, *Pianist*
Mike Verga, *Pianist*

SERMON OUTLINE

Bread, Signs and Leaven

The Scripture Reading:

Mark 8:1-21

Point: We have a tendency to live by our senses. The Lord wants to teach us to live by faith.

I. He Creates Bread (v.1-9)

- A. Is This the Same Feeding
- B. Could They Have Forgotten
- C. A Lesson Not Learned

II. A Similar Problem (v.1-9)

- A. An Attentive Audience
- B. The Great Sympathizer
- C. The Failure of the Disciples

III. The Leaven (v.14-21)

- A. A Wicked Generation
- B. The Sign of Jonah
- C. Warning of Error