

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day, March 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
God Bless Your Church

Charles Swedberg
Tune by Bach

Welcome and Announcements (*Register Attendance*)

Meditation

Isaiah 41:13

"For I am the LORD, your God, Who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."

APPROACHING GOD IN WORSHIP

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

Call to Worship:

Psalm 19:7-8

Minister: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

Minister: The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

People: The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Hymn of Adoration

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

#58

Prayer of Adoration

Gloria Patri

#735

Ministry of Music

Every Valley

Choir
by John Ness Beck

APPROACHING GOD IN CONFESSION AND SERVICE

Call to Confession:

Hebrews 12:1-3

"Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him Who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

Prayer of Confession in Unison:

Our heavenly Father, we acknowledge our great sinfulness. We are by nature children of wrath, and the seed of sinfulness within us has poisoned all our faculties and powers of soul and body, and thus our best thoughts and actions are defiled.

Father, if our sinful propensities were not restrained and our hearts renewed by grace, we would break forth in innumerable transgressions, and great rebellions against You.

Blessed Lord, Who has given Your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification, grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve You in purity of living and truth, and increase and strengthen our faith in You and in Your Son.

Silent Confession of Sin

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

Now hear the Lord's Assurance of Pardon

"I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD' and You forgave the guilt of my sin."

Psalm 32:5

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology #731

Hymn
More about Jesus Would I Know #538

Pastoral Prayer

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

The Scripture Reading: Psalm 104:24-30
Mark 9:14-32

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
Walking By Faith Rev. Don Rackley

Prayer of Application

Hymn
Behold the Lamb Insert

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
Amazing Grace! (v.1-5) #460

Benediction

Hymn
Amazing Grace! (v.6) #460

Postlude

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Don Rackley, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Tim Rackley, *Associate Pastor*

Marlon Johnston, *Assisting Elder*
Bev Kimmel, *Pianist*

SERMON OUTLINE

Walking by Faith

The Scripture Reading:

Mark 9:14-32

Point: Supernatural living through supernatural empowering is at the heart of New Testament Christianity.

I. Finding Our Sufficiency in Christ

A. We Look to Him in Faith and Prayer

B. We Submit to His Will

C. We Anticipate Sharing in His Eternal Glory

II. Finding Our Identity in Christ (v.14-18)

A. Opposed by the Scribes

B. Caring for the Needy

C. Failing in Their Work

III. Finding Our Strength in Christ (v.20-32)

A. His Unequaled Power and Authority

B. His Blessings Tied to Faith

C. His Authority