

# The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord’s Day

January 10, 2021

## Prelude

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.*  
1 Chronicles 16:29-30

## Welcome

### God Calls Us to Worship Him

† **Call to Worship** Psalm 104:1-3  
Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great!  
**People:** *You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.*  
Pastor: He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;  
**People:** *he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind.*

Δ† **Hymn of Adoration**  
# **122** *God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory*

† **Salutation and Responsive Scriptures**  
Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!  
**People:** *Amen!*  
Pastor: The Lord be with you!  
**People:** *And also with you!*  
Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!  
**People:** *Who made heaven and earth!*  
Pastor: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken Spirit;  
**People:** *A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise**

† **The Lord’s Prayer** Together as God’s People  
*Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

† **Affirmation of Faith** Elder Matthew Rankin  
The Nicene Creed (p. 846, together as God’s people)

Δ† **Gloria Patri**  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

## God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

### We Confess Our Sin

*O Lord, we know perfectly well that we are sinners. We have offended You, we have broken Your law, and we have forgotten You. We have not loved You with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We have been guilty of sins against other people and sins against ourselves. We are rebellious sinners. How can we stand in Your presence? There is only one way in which we can stand: that is to know and believe that You sent forth Your Son to bear our sins in His own body on the tree. Hiding in Christ—nothing else can give us peace. We have no other hope as we contemplate Your holiness and the holiness of heaven. Our only hope is the cloak of righteousness woven by the Son of God Himself that covers us by faith in Him alone. Amen.*

### Individual Silent Confession of Sin

God Forgives Us in Christ Romans 8:31-34  
If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

### Interlude for Meditation

Δ† **Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**  
# **642** *Be Thou My Vision*

† **The Passing of the Peace**  
Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you!  
**People:** *And also with you!*  
Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

(Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words which the church has used over the centuries, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and the response, “And also with you.”)

**Morning Prayer** Elder Matthew Rankin

### We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

† **Doxology**  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## God Instructs Us With His Word

**Scripture Reading** The Rev. Aaron J. Suber  
Genesis 1:3-31

### Prayer for Illumination

**Preaching of the Word**  
Gospel Foundations: A Study of Genesis 1-11  
“**God Creates Order**”

† **Hymn of Response** (as the Elders prepare the Table)  
# **299** *Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious* (1-2)

### God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

**Invitation and the Words of Institution** Rev. Suber  
**Prayer of Consecration**  
**Distribution of the Elements** The Elders  
(Partake of the Bread individually and the Cup together. Wine is used for communion with a limited amount of grape juice in the center rings. Please note the bread in the center of the plate is gluten free.)

### God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† **Hymn of Dedication**  
# **299** *Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious* (3-4)

† **Benediction** Rev. Suber

† **Hymn of Dismissal**  
# **34** *The God of Abraham Praise* (6)

*The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high; “Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” they ever cry. Hail, Abraham’s God and mine! I join the heav’nly lays; all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.*

**Postlude**  
The Order of Divine Worship concludes with your silent prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

† Indicates the congregation standing  
Δ Ushers may seat latecomers