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**PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT**  
**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**  
**INVITATION AND RESPONSE**

Minister: Hear the words of our savior: “Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Come then, for all is ready.

**Congregation: We come not because we ought, but because we may, not because we are righteous, but because we are penitent, not because we are strong, but because we are weak, not because we are whole, but because we are broken.**

**THE SHARING OF THE SUPPER**

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**†OUR RESPONSE**

#213

“Glory Be to God the Father”

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,  
glory be to God the Spirit, God Almighty, Three in One!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!, Glory be to him alone!

**†BENEDICTION: GOD’S BLESSING FOR HIS PEOPLE**

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NOTES & DOODLES

WELCOME TO  
COVENANT OF GRACE!



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For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:15-16



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*We exist to worship in truth, grow by grace, and live as disciples.*

# LET US WORSHIP!

†CALL TO WORSHIP *based on John 15:1-9*

Minister: I am the vine, Christ calls out, you are the branches.  
**Congregation: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**  
Minister: The branches that remain in him bear much fruit.  
**Congregation: We come because we long to be faithful disciples.**  
Minister: Abide in my teaching, Christ calls, and you will abide in me.  
**Congregation: We come to glorify the Father with our lives.**  
Minister: Come, all you who know his voice, abide in the true vine.  
**Congregation: We come to abide in the love of Christ. Let us worship God!**

†PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION  
†OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE #230  
“Holy! Holy! Holy!”

†CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN *based on Matthew 5:2-12*  
Minister: Blessed Jesus, you offered us all your blessings when you announced, “Blessed are the poor in spirit.”  
**Congregation: But we have been rich in pride.**  
Minister: “Blessed are those who mourn.”  
**Congregation: But we do not grieve injustice and sin.**  
Minister: “Blessed are the meek.”  
**Congregation: But we are a stiff-necked people.**  
Minister: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.”  
**Congregation: But we seek to fill our lives with other things.**  
Minister: “Blessed are the merciful.”  
**Congregation: But we are harsh and impatient.**

Minister: “Blessed are the pure in heart.”  
**Congregation: But we have pursued the impure.**  
Minister: “Blessed are the peacemakers.”  
**Congregation: But we have not sought reconciliation.**  
Minister: “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness. And you, when people insult, persecute, and speak falsely against you because of me.”  
**Congregation: But our lives do not challenge the world. We have hardly made it known that we are yours.**  
Minister: Your law demands holiness and our works fall short.  
**Congregation: We plead with you to forgive our sins and clothe us in Christ’s perfect righteousness. Amen.**  
Minister: Christians: In Christ, God has made atonement for sins, propitiation for wrath, and reconciliation for all who believe.  
**Congregation: We believe - help our unbelief! From the joy of forgiveness, kindle in us the joy of holiness. We ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

CONTINUAL READING OF SCRIPTURE *Romans 12:1-21*  
THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND OUR GIFTS  
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS  
THE LORD’S PRAYER  
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.

†HYMN OF PREPARATION #172  
“Speak, O Lord”  
SERMON *1 Corinthians 1:10-17*  
Is Christ Divided? Pastor Austin Prince  
†PSALM OF RESPONSE #429  
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

†THE MINISTRY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER  
Leader: Lift up your hearts!  
**Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**Congregation: It is right for us to give thanks and praise!**  
GOD’S PROMISES AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION  
†CONFESSION OF FAITH  
Minister: Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament. This is what we believe about the work of God:  
**Congregation: We believe that God - who is merciful, yet perfectly just - sent his Son to assume the nature of man, in order to bear the punishment for the sins of his own, by his most bitter passion and death.**  
Minister: This is what we believe about the work of Jesus Christ:  
**Congregation: We believe that Jesus Christ presented himself in our name before his Father, to appease his wrath with full satisfaction, by offering himself on the cross and pouring out his precious blood for the cleansing of our sins, as the prophets had predicted.**