

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings;  
It is the Lord, who rises with healing in his wings:  
When comforts are declining, he grants the soul again  
A season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.*

### God Calls Us to Worship Him

#### Call to Worship:

**Psalm 95.6-7**

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**People: For he is our God,  
And we are the people of his pasture,  
And the sheep of his hand.**

Leader: Let's worship the LORD!

#### Prayer of Invocation

**Hymn of Praise: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken  
Trinity Hymnal #345**

### God Cleanses Us by His Grace

#### Conviction of the Gospel:

**Ephesians 5.1, 8b-14**

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ... Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

#### Confession of Sin

#### Comfort of the Gospel:

**Colossians 1.12-14**

[Give thanks] to the Father, who has qualified [us] to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

#### Songs of Thanksgiving:

#### Give Thanks to the Lord

Give thanks to the Lord for the works of His hand,  
For a kingdom that cannot be shaken.  
Give thanks to the Lord for we all now can stand.  
And fear not of being forsaken.

#### Chorus 1

*Give thanks to the Lord for His Righteousness.  
Give thanks to the Lord for His Love.  
Let us worship His Name and His Holiness;  
Give thanks to the Lord, oh, give thanks to the Lord,  
Give thanks.*

Give thanks to the Lord for the light of His Word,  
For the Spirit who shines in our darkness.  
Give thanks to the Lord when His gospel is heard  
And held with a good heart of gladness.

#### Chorus 2

*Give thanks to the Lord for His steadfast love  
Give thanks to the Lord for His Son  
For He showers our lives with an undeserved grace  
Give thanks to the Lord, oh, give thanks to the Lord.  
Give thanks*

Give thanks to the Lord for the patience He bears,  
Far better towards us than our sins deserve.  
Give thanks to the Lord for the kindness He shares,  
The needy and low does His mercy serve. **Chorus 2**

#### Prayer of Intercession:

#### 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.**

#### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings: We Are the Family of Christ

*\*Children dismissed to Little Church*

One heart, one spirit, / one voice to praise you  
We are the family of Christ. / One hope, one vision  
to see you exalted / We are the family of Christ.  
And to this we give our lives / to see you glorified.  
One heart, one spirit, / one voice to praise you  
We are the family of Christ

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### God Counsels Us through His Word

#### Scripture Reading:

**Luke 8.16-21**

#### Prayer of Illumination:

**based on Psalm 119:105**

Lord God,  
May your Word be a lamp to our feet  
And a light to our path  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### Sermon:

**Take Care How You Hear!**

### God Commissions Us to Serve Him

#### Creed:

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn of Response: I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice  
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#### Benediction:

**Numbers 6.24-26**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.