THE LORD'S DAY August 6, 2023

Prelude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:55 AM)

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 63:7

*INVOCATION

*HYMN: Trinity 535 - O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

CORPORATE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God our Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have ignored Your command to love our neighbors as ourselves, nor have we sought to show love to our enemies. In Your mercy forgive the sin that offends You and turns our attention to ourselves. Transform us that our hearts may delight in Your will. Teach us to walk in Your ways and to be models of the true love of God, through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Micah 7:18-19

*GLORIA PATRI - Trinity 735

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 36 (Insert)

HYMN: Bible Songs 75/Insert (Psa. 36) - The Fountain of Life (Alternate Tune)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND 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: **Insert** - *The Love of God is Greater Far*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT: Revelation 2:1-7 (p. 1028, LP p. 1218)

SERMON: "Returning to Your First Love"

*HYMN: Trinity 529 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Stanzas 1-2)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (Bread is gluten free; Wine is on the outer ring)

*HYMN: Trinity 529 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Stanzas 3-4)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY - Trinity 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ, the risen Son, And the fellowship of God the Spirit, keep our hearts and minds within his love. And to him be praise for his glorious reign from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n, We declare the name of the Lamb once slain, Christ eternal, the King of Kings.

Postlude

*Please stand, if able

If you are visiting with us, please complete a **Visitor's Card** and place it in the offering plate. Thank you! If you need **prayer**, an **elder** is available following the service by the door to the anteroom.