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*Please stand if able

Gathering – *Worship begins as the people gather – greeting one another, praying in silence, sharing announcements, and offering music to the glory of God. We ask that as the prelude begins that you make your way to your seat and enter into a worshipful mindset.*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs – *Since the beginning of the church Christians have sung psalms as praise and prayer to God, and singing psalms remains an important part of the Reformed heritage. Through the ages we have added other music from hymns to praise songs. We sing all these things to the glory of God.*

PRAISE TIME

SHARED GREETING

“They’ll Know We are Christians”

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love

Call to Worship – A Call to Worship, drawn from sentences of Scripture, expresses God’s invitation to gather as Christ’s body in this place.

CALL TO WORSHIP Jonah 2:7-9

Leader: When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.

All: Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them.

Leader: But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good.

All: I will say, “Salvation comes from the Lord.”

Prayer of Confession and Silent Prayer – Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God’s presence. Nevertheless, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. We start this off with a communal confession and follow it up with silent and personal confession to God for our sins.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and just God, we confess that we have not always loved you as we should nor have we honored your call upon our lives. Lord, we ask that you give us hearts and minds that seek what you seek and desire what you desire. Lord, hear us now as we confess these sins, and all others, to you.

Assurance of Pardon – A declaration of forgiveness that proclaims the good news of God’s mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus’ name.

SILENT PRAYER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Catechism or Confession – As a Reformed church rooted in the history of Christianity, we recite creeds, confessions, and catechisms that explain biblical teaching and help us to remember the lessons of God's Word.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q. 5. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God¹

¹ Deut. 6:4; Jer. 10:10

Children's Time – Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). To this end, we invite all children forward to hear a message designed to help bring them closer to the majesty of God and his Son.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Scriptures – The Scriptures bear witness to the Word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who "became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14). Where the Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. The role of the congregation is to listen prayerfully, actively, and attentively to the Word that is read and proclaimed.

SCRIPTURE HYMN

SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 1:1-3 (pg. 916)

Sermon – A sermon, based on the Scripture read in worship, proclaims the good news of the risen Lord, and presents the gift and calling of the Gospel. Through the sermon, we encounter Jesus Christ in God's Word, are equipped to follow him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the Gospel to others through our words and deeds.

SERMON “Jonah: The Presence of the Lord” Pastor George

*HYMN 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Prayer of Concerns and Thanksgivings – In response to the Word, we pray for the world God so loves – joining in Christ’s ministry of praying for others before the throne of God. These prayers are not the work of a single leader, but an act of the whole congregation as Christ’s royal priesthood.

PRAYER OF CONCERNS & THANKSGIVINGS

Offering, Doxology, Prayer of Thanksgiving – Christian life is an offering of one’s self to God. Tithes and offerings are gathered as an act of thanksgiving to God for all of the blessings that he has given us and for the work of his church. In response we sing glory to God and lift up prayer thanking him for his blessings and to continue to bless the work of the church through our offerings.

OFFERING

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

Benediction – The Service is concluded with a charge and blessing to the congregation. This calls us to go forth as agents of God’s mission in the world and reminds us that God walks with us and blesses us in order to be a blessing to others.

BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry needs low sodium soups and canned chicken, chickpeas, black beans, quart & gallon size Ziploc bags, jelly canned peaches, peanut butter.

FOOD PANTRY STATISTICS FOR JANUARY

68 Families served, below is the breakdown

Adults - 151

Seniors - 65

Children - 88

Total - 304

WASHINGTON DC TRIP TO THE MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE

Pastor George & Bailey are inviting you to join them on February 21st to see the Museum of the Bible. For further information, reach out to Pastor George.