Order of Worship AUGUST 3, 2025

* Meditation: Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Songs of Adoration – 2

Call to Worship: Psalm 89:8-18

O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you? You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them. You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm. The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them. The north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name. You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face, who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted. For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Prayer of Adoration

* Confession of Sin - (Unison with Congregation)

Loving Father, be merciful and forgive our sin. Cleanse our unrighteousness. Heal our hurts, and reconcile our broken relationships. Pour Your Spirit upon us with renewing grace. Restore to us the joy of our salvation. Forgive our excessiveness and ingratitude. Make us a thankful people with charitable hearts who drink from the well of Your grace, that this broken world will taste of the living water of the Gospel. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(adapted from Rev. Mike Khandjian)

* Moment of Individual Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to Himself and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of His Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(from Common Worship: Times and Seasons)

Songs of Worship – 2

Offering and Doxology

O.T. Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-40

For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live? Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides him. Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day, know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for all time.

Reader: "The Word of the Lord" Congregation: "Thanks Be to God"

* New City Catechism

Question 31: What do we believe by true faith?

(Congregation): Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

* Welcome / Announcements

* Baptisms / Children's Church Dismissal

Greeting Time

Song of Preparation

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 5:6-11

* Sermon Title: "Life Under the Mighty Hand of God" (Jim Womer)

Song of Response

Benediction