

Praise

***Call to Worship** – *adapted from Psalm 49:1-4*

Leader: Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together! My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

People: **We will incline our ears to a proverb; we will solve our riddle to the music of the lyre.**

***O Come to the Altar**

***Prayer of Adoration**

***He is Exalted**

Confessing our Faith — *Apostle's Creed*¹

Christian, what do you Believe?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived of 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 arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic² church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People – Allen White

Renewal

Confession of Sin – *adapted from Psalm 49:16-20*

Leader: Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases.

People: **For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him.**

Leader: For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed—and though you get praise when you do well for yourself—his soul will go to the generation of his fathers, who will never again see light.

People: **Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.**

Silent Confession

***Yearn**

***Assurance of Pardon** – *adapted from Psalm 49:12-14*

Leader: Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish.

People: **This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts.**

Leader: Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.

People: **But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.**

***That's How You Forgive**

¹ the most widespread confession of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

² The word "catholic" means universal. It is not a reference to the Roman Catholic Church.

Children's Worship Training – *Children are dismissed with children's ministry leaders for a time of worship training, which is designed for but not limited to children 5 and under. Please remember to pick up your child in the Ed building after worship.*

Commitment

Scripture Reading – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon – Parable of the Sower – Rev. Carter Sanger

***Doxology (A cappella in D)**

Offering/Community Life

***Benediction** – *from 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.

Dismissal – *adapted from Isaiah 6:8*

Leader: I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

People: **Here I am! Send me.**

Sunday schedule:

Bible Study	9-10 AM
Coffee & Fellowship	10-10:30 AM
Worship:	10:30-11:45 AM

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parables:

secrets of the kingdom of heaven

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**To all who are weary and looking for hope, welcome.
You're in the right place.**

As you find a seat, please silence all electronic devices

Helps for parents with babies or small children:

- Infant **nursery** across from the sanctuary. Toddler nursery in the Ed building.
- **Cry room** (end of the hall) available for noisy babies.
- **Worship training** dismissal midway through the service.

Preparation

To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God,
but for those outside everything is in parables...

– *Jesus (to his disciples in Mark 4:11)*