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Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

Prayer of Preparation (*for your personal use, during Prelude)*

Dear Lord, fill my heart with patience when paths cross or differences arise. Replace my judgment with quiet grace. Show me simple, practical ways to extend kindness today—a worm smile, a listening ear, or a helping hand. Remind me that I cannot love well on my own. Flow through me with your perfect, limitless love. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship – From Psalm 1**

L: Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

P: But they delight in the law of the Lord meditating on it day and night.

L: They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

P: But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind.

L: They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly.

P: For the Lord watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.

Hymn** ***"Be Thou My Vision" **RED #344**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we are often good at following rules while neglecting the heart of your commandments. We place ourselves in the congregation of the righteous but take our seat among the scoffers. We seek approval of our friends, family, and others whose opinions we value, forgetting that our call is to please you, above all. You call us to be holy, but we settle for self-righteousness. You call us to be impartial, but we cannot shed our biases. You call us to love our neighbors, but we have been satisfied to keep them at arm's length You created us to love you with soul, heart, and minds, but we have held parts of ourselves back. Have mercy on us, God. Watch over our ways, redirect our paths, and help us love you with abandon—heart, soul, and mind. Make us instruments of reconciliation and transformation as we seek to follow your law of love, made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Time of silence for personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

Gloria Patri** ***"Glory Be to the Father" **PH #579**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:34-46

New Testament/Sermon Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Sermon *"Christian Leadership"* Pastor Ryan

Hymn** ***"Rise Up, O Men of God!" **RED #461**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed**

(This is found inside the back cover of the Red Hymnal Book)

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory *"Build My Life"* Pat Barrett (video)

***Doxology** **PH #591**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Hymn** ***"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" **PH #538**

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader:	Pastor Ryan
Greeter/Usher:	Jim/Ava/Ethan Satorius
Liturgist:	Linda Claussen
Pianist:	Rich Ford

Please stand, if able CCLI License #2716138

Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover

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