Order of Worship
The Lord's Day, January 23, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

* **God Calls Us to Worship Him**: Responsive Reading of 1 John 1:1-3

Pastor: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes,
Congregation: Which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-
Pastor: The life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us-
All: That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

* **We Sing in Response:** #100 Red Hymnal "*Holy, Holy, Holy!*"

* **We Seek God's Presence in Prayer**

We Confess Our Sins Together   :
Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: 1 John 1:5-9

* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** "*My Dwelling Place*" (lyrics on the back of sermon outline)

* **We Confess Our Faith Together: Westminster Confession of Faith 24.1-2**

Pastor: *Christian, how does God define what marriage is between one man and one woman?*

Congregation: Marriage is to be between one man and one woman: neither is it lawful for any man to have more than one wife, nor for any woman to have more than one husband, at the same time.

Pastor: *How do we understand God's design for marriage?*

Congregation: Marriage was ordained for the mutual help of husband and wife, for the increase of mankind with a legitimate issue, and of the Church with an holy seed; and for preventing of uncleanness.

We Read From God's Word: Jeremiah 3:1-14

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Deuteronomy 6:4-5
"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory

* **We Sing the Doxology:** #731 Red Hymnal *"Doxology"*

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #586 Red Hymnal *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

(Children age 4 through kindergarten may be dismissed to Children's Worship)

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Matthew 5:31-32

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "*The Dignity and Sanctity of Marriage*" - Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #388 Black Hymnal "*He Will Hold Me Fast*"

* **The Lord Sends Us Out (Benediction)**

Proposition: Jesus directs and teaches his disciples to know the ways of God vs. the ways of man concerning the dignity and sanctity of marriage.

Main Point One: The Dignity of Marriage

Sub Point One: The goodness of God's design

Sub Point Two: Reflection of the covenant promises of God – "I will be Your God,   You shall be my People"

Sub Point Three: A window into the gospel

Main Point Two: The Damage of Divorce

Sub Point One: The situation in the Ancient World

Sub Point Two: Jesus' teaching on sexual immorality, fornication, and adultery

Sub Point Three: Jesus' teaching on marriage – "No Easy Divorce!"

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