



**CENTER GROVE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*The Lord's Day, September 18, 2022*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

\* **God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 25:1-5

**Pastor:** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**Congregation:** O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

**Pastor:** Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**All:** Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

**We Sing in Response:** #53 Red Hymnal "*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*"

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

### **We Confess Our Sins Together :**

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession**

**God Assures Us We Are Forgiven:** Psalm 25:6-7

\* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** Handout "*His Mercy is More*"

### \* **We Confess Our Faith Together: Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Chris & Lindsey Buckles' children (Scott 5, Emilia 3, Peter 22mos, Georgia 6mos); Kraig & Stephanie Hufstedlers' children (Rose 5, Lucy 2, Leo 2 mos)

**We Read From God's Word:** Psalm 53

**We Pray For The Congregation and Community**

**We Memorize God's Word:** Isaiah 40:31

They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

**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:** #388 Black Hymnal "*He Will Hold Me Fast*"

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

**Pastor Reads the Sermon Text:** Exodus 5:1-6:1

**Pastor Preaches God's Word:** "*Pharaoh's Mockery of God and His People, Israel*"

- Pastor Wes James

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

\* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #159 Black Hymnal "*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*"

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

**Sermon Outline**  
**Exodus 5:1-6:1**  
**“Pharaoh’s Mockery of God and His People, Israel”**  
**09-18-22**

**Proposition:** Sinful man’s mockery of God and His people reveals the true nature of a hardened heart in the arrogance of sin making one ripe for the judgment of God.

**Main Point One: Pharaoh’s Confession**

Sub Point One: Moses and Aaron deliver God’s Word

Sub Point Two: Pharaoh’s Question... “Who is the Lord?”

Sub Point Three: Pharaoh’s Heart... “I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go.”

**Main Point Two: Israel’s Oppression**

Sub Point One: Pharaoh’s command.. “Go back to your burdens.”

Sub Point Two: Israel’s Labor

Sub Point Three: Israel’s Trouble

**Main Point Three: Moses’ Lamentation**

Sub Point Two: Moses’ Misery... “Why did you ever send me?”

Sub Point Three: Moses’ Blame... “Why have you done this evil?”