

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, January 7, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Colossians 3:1-4

Pastor: If then you have been raised with Christ,

Congregation: Seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Pastor: Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

All: When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

*** We Sing in Response:** #1 Red Hymnal *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

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

We Confess Our Sins Together: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #359 Black Hymnal *"My Soul Finds Rest"*

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 7. Question#21

Pastor: *What is true faith?*

Congregation: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

New Member Introduction: Debbie Krall

We Read From God's Word: Matthew 6:19-34

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: John 1:1-2 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God."

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory: "A Debtor to Mercy" - Vocal Ensemble

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

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #688 Red Hymnal "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

Children ages 4 through kindergarten dismissed to Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your child in the lobby on your way to the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Malachi 3:6-15

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "The Lord's Call for Jacob's Return in His Service"
- Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #353 Black Hymnal "O Church, Arise"

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

Sermon Outline
Malachi 3:6-15
“The Lord’s Call for Jacob’s Return in His Service”
01-07-23

Proposition: The Lord calls His people to return to Him in His Service, that they would rest in His Blessed provision of grace, displaying His glory to the nations.

Main Point One: The Call

Sub Point One: The Character of God.... “never changes”

Sub Point Two: The Lord’s Indictment against His People

Sub Point Three: The Lord’s Promise

Main Point Two: The Test

Sub Point One: Jacob’s tithes.. or “lack thereof?”

Sub Point Two: The Nature of the Test... What is this all about?

Sub Point Three: The Faithfulness of God

Sub Point Four: The Nation’s Testimony

Main Point Three: The Charge

Sub Point One: Hard Accusations..

Sub Point Two: To “walk with God” or “not?”

Sub Point Three: Jacob’s True Problem.... Failure to trust God