

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *The Lord's Day, March 16, 2025*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 42:1-5d

**Pastor:** As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

**Congregation:** My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

**Pastor:** My tears have been my food day and night,

**Congregation:** while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

**Pastor:** These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

**All:** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

**We Sing in Response:** #457 Red Hymnal *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

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

**We Confess Our Sins Together** : O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen. - *From Reformed Resources on Monergism.com*

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

**God Assures Us We Are Forgiven:** Ephesians 1:7-10

**We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #162 Black Hymnal *"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"*

**We Confess Our Faith Together:** Lord, High and Holy, Meek and Lowly, You have brought us to the valley of vision, where we live in the depths but see You in the heights; hemmed in by mountains of sin, we behold Your glory. Let us learn by paradox that the way down is the way up, that to be low is to be high, that the broken heart is the healed heart, that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit, that the repenting soul is the victorious soul, that to have nothing is to possess all, that to bear the cross is to wear the crown, that to give is to receive, that the valley is the place of vision. Let us find Your light in our darkness, Your life in our death, Your joy in our sorrow, Your grace in our sin, Your riches in our poverty, Your glory in our valley. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. - *Adapted from the Valley of Vision*

**We Read From God's Word:** 2 Timothy 2:1-13

**We Pray For The Congregation and Community**

**We Memorize God's Word:** Romans 8:5-6 "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace."

**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:** #560 Red Hymnal "*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*"

*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:** 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

**Pastor Preaches God's Word:** "*The Eternal Weight of Glory*" – Rev. James Dickson (Vice President of Advancement at Covenant Theological Seminary)

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

\* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #317 Black Hymnal "*Light of God*"

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