

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, July 6, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 113:1-4

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

Congregation: Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

Pastor: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Congregation: From this time forth and forevermore.

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

All: The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

*** We Sing in Response:** #38 Red Hymnal *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

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

We Confess Our Sins Together: Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Psalm 130:1-4

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #398 Black Hymnal *"God, Be Merciful to Me"*

*** 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 Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: *Romans 8:12-13 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

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:** #35 Black Hymnal *"O Great God"*

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Acts 15:36-16:5

Pastor Preaches God's Word: *"Paul and Barnabas 'Sharply Disagree' and Go Separate Ways"* – Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #361 Black Hymnal *"By Faith"*

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