

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *The Lord's Day, August 17, 2025*

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Reading of Psalm 47:1-4

**Pastor:** Clap your hands, all peoples!

**Congregation:** Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**Pastor:** For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,

**Congregation:** a great king over all the earth.

**Pastor:** He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**All:** He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

**\* We Sing in Response:** #447 Red Hymnal "*Christ for the World We Sing*"

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

**We Confess Our Sins Together** : Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us taking delight in you. Amen.

### We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

**God Assures Us We Are Forgiven:** Psalm 51:1-2

**\* We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #80 Black Hymnal "*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*"

**\* We Confess Our Faith Together:** Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 1

**Pastor:** *Believer, what is your only comfort in life and death?*

**Congregation:** That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

**We Read From God's Word:** 1 Peter 4:1-11

**We Pray For The Congregation and Community**

**We Memorize God's Word:** *Romans 8:14-15* For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

**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:** #179 Black Hymnal "*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*"

**Pastor Reads the Sermon Text:** Acts 17:10-21

**Leader Preaches God's Word:** "*Preaching Christ, Provoked by Idolatry*"

- Pastor Wes James

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

\* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #5 Black Hymnal "*How Great Thou Art*"

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

***Sermon Outline***  
***Acts 17:10-21***  
***“Preaching Christ, Provoked by Idolatry”***  
***08-17-25***

**Proposition: The perverse and pervasive nature of idolatry in the lives of sinful man provokes our Christian heart to proclaim the triumph of God’s grace and glory of Jesus.**

**Main Point One: Paul’s Ministry**

Sub Point One: Berean Synagogue

Sub Point Two: The Bereans’ Nobility

Sub Point Three: The Bereans’ Faith

**Main Point Two: Paul’s Vision**

Sub Point One: Paul’s Wait in Athens

Sub Point Two: Provoked by Idolatry

Sub Point Three: Persuading the People

**Main Point Three: Paul’s Teaching**

Sub Point One: The Areopagus

Sub Point Two: “A New Teaching”

Sub Point Three: The Areopagus’ Interest and Invitation