

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, August 24, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Reading of Psalm 50:1-5

Pastor: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Congregation: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Pastor: Our God comes; he does not keep silence;

Congregation: before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

Pastor: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

All: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

*** We Sing in Response:** #94 Red Hymnal "*How Firm a Foundation*"

*** 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 51:9-12

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

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** O Lord God, who inhabits eternity, the heavens declare Your glory, the earth Your riches, The universe is Your temple; Your presence fills immensity, yet You have made us what we are, and given us what we have; In You we live and move and have our being; Your providence has set the bounds of our habitation, and wisely administers all our affairs. We thank You for Your riches to us in Jesus, for the unclouded revelation of him in Your Word, where we behold his Person, character, grace, glory, humiliation, sufferings, death, and resurrection.
– *Adapted from Valley of Vision*

Introduction of New Member: Mrs. Hannah Gudeman

We Read From God's Word: Psalm 115

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: "*Jesus Calms the Storm*"
- Children's Choir

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

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** Handout "*Grace*"

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Acts 17:22-34

Leader Preaches God's Word: "*Making Christ Known to those 'Not in the Know'*"
- Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #419 Black Hymnal "*Hear the Call of the Kingdom*"

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

Sermon Outline
Acts 17: 22-34
“Making Christ Known to those ‘Not in the Know’”
08-24-25

Proposition: When proclaiming the gospel to those who are “not in the know,” we appeal to God’s sovereign works and providential presence, along with our need to repent of our sins in view of the coming Day of the Lord.

Main Point One: The Sovereignty of God

Sub Point One: Paul’s Perception of *‘The Athenians’*

Sub Point Two: Paul’s Explanation of God

Sub Point Three: God’s Gift of ‘Life’

Sub Point Four: The First Man, Adam

Sub Point Five: The Providence of God

Main Point Two: The Presence of God

Sub Point One: God’s Purpose for Man

Sub Point Two: His ‘Personal’ and “Omni”- Presence

Sub Point Three: Man’s Being as “God’s Offspring”

Sub Point Four: The ‘Ontology’ of God

Main Point Three: The Command of God

Sub Point One: Man’s Ignorance and God’s Grace

Sub Point Two: The Call of God

Sub Point Three: The Day of God

Sub Point Four: The People’s Response