

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**~God Receives Our Offerings and Requests~**

**We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings**

**We Bring Our Requests to God in Prayer**

**~God Blesses and Sends Us Out~**

### **Doxology #731**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Benediction**

### **Announcements**

### **Postlude**

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## **Sunday Service of Worship**

### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

**~God Calls Us to Worship Him~**

### **Call to Worship**

#### **Pastor**

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

#### **Congregation**

And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

#### **Pastor**

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

#### **Congregation**

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

#### **All**

Let us rejoice with singing and great joy for we have been brought to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

**Hymn #69** Thy God Reigneth!

**We Corporately Confess Our Faith** Hedberg Catechism Q.'s 49 & 52

**Pastor**

How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us?

**All**

First, He is our Advocate in heaven before His Father. Second, we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that He, our Head, will also take us, His members, up to Himself. Third, He sends us His Spirit as a counter-pledge, by whose power we seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, and not the things that are on earth.

**Pastor**

What comfort is it to you that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead?

**All**

In all my sorrow and persecution I lift up my head and eagerly await as judge from heaven the very same person who before has submitted Himself to the judgment of God for my sake, and has removed all the curse from me. He will cast all His and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, but He will take me and all His chosen ones to Himself into heavenly joy and glory.

**Prayer of Worship**

**~God Instructs Us with His Word~**

**We Listen to God** Zechariah 8:18-23

**Sermon** From Fasting to Fullness of Joy

**Hymn #309** Rejoice, the Lord Is King

**~God Feeds Us at His Table~**

**We Corporately Confess Our Sin and Need**

We poor sinners, acknowledge before you, our God and Creator, that we have terribly and in many ways sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as you, our Lord and God, know well. We cannot deeply enough deplore these sins, but we repent of them, and are sorry for them, and beg you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

**We Silently Confess Our Sins**

**Hymn** Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor (CCLI#251645)

Christ the sure and steady anchor, | In the fury of the storm;  
When the winds of doubt blow through me,  
And my sails have all been torn. | In the suffering, in the sorrow,  
When my sinking hopes are few; | I will hold fast to the anchor,  
It will never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, | While the tempest rages on;  
When temptation claims the battle, | And it seems the night has won.  
Deeper still then goes the anchor, | Though I justly stand accused;  
I will hold fast to the anchor, | It shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, | Through the floods of unbelief;  
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now, | Lift your eyes to Calvary.  
This my ballast of assurance, | See his love forever proved.  
I will hold fast to the anchor, | It will never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, | As we face the wave of death;  
When these trials give way to glory, | As we draw our final breath.  
We will cross that great horizon, | Clouds behind and life secure;  
And the calm will be the better, | For the storms that we endure.

Christ the shore of our salvation, | Ever faithful, ever true!  
We will hold fast to the anchor, | It shall never be removed.