## Lord's Day Worship

July 18, 2021

\*(Asterisk) Indicates Please stand as you are able.

## <u>PRAISE</u>

\* Call to Worship

\* Opening Hymn "God of Ages"

## RENEWAL

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Faithful God, we come before you today as forgetful people. In Jesus Christ you have done more for us than we could have asked or thought, yet we quickly forget your saving love, and feel angry and bitter when you won't answer our prayers as we want. Instead of remembering your deliverance and running to you daily as the anchor of our souls, we prefer to remain in bondage to our idols, because we love our sins and it seems too hard to fight against them. Father, forgive us. Send your Holy Spirit to stir our hope, that we may live in anticipation of your final victory, through Jesus Christ the Lord. (silent prayer)

\* Words of Assurance

\* Song "Give Me Jesus"

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **COMMITMENT**

**New Testament Reading** 

Luke 18:1-8

\* Hymn

"Psalm 88"

**Old Testament Reading** 

Psalm 88

Sermon

"Finding Hope in Dark Times"

Prayer

\* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (c. 3rd century A.D.)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy universal Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* Closing Song

"Be Still, My Soul"

- \* Benediction
- \* Dismissal

Church, where are you going?

We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Glory to God!

"...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything."

Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV



July 18, 2021 "Finding Hope in Dark Times" Psalm 88

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