

# *Morning Worship Service*

## *9:30 A. M.*

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Preparation for Worship

In silent prayer and meditation, prepare yourself to worship God. Consider the following Scriptures.

*“The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but folly of fools is deception. There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. The highway of the upright avoids evil; he who guards his way guards his life.” (Proverbs 14:8, 12; 16:17)*

### God Calls Us To Worship

#### Salutation

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 18: 1-3, 25-30 (Pew Bible p. 389)

I love you, O LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup>The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

<sup>3</sup>I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. <sup>25</sup>With the merciful you show yourself merciful;

with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;

<sup>26</sup>with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. <sup>27</sup>For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down. <sup>28</sup>For it is you who light my lamp;

the LORD my God lightens my darkness. <sup>29</sup>For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. <sup>30</sup>This God—his way is perfect,<sup>[a]</sup>the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

\*Hymn: 682, “In Thee, O Lord, I Put My Trust”

\*Prayer of Adoration

### Prayer For Mercy From God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25 (Hymnal 792)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.

**Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame,

**but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.**

Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths;

**Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.**

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.**

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

**He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.**

All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.

**For the sake of your name, O LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.**

Who, then, is the man that fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him.

**He will spend his days in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land.**

The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

**My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare.**

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

**The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish.**

Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.

**See how my enemies have increased and how fiercely they hate me!**

Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

**May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you.**

Redeem Israel, O God, from all their troubles!

Hymn: 694, “Lord, I Lift My Soul to Thee”

(Sung to #387 “Now May He Who from the Dead”)

Response of Mercy: Psalm 51:17 (Pew Bible p. 405)

### God Speaks to Us Through His Word

#### Prayer of Intercession

\*Hymn: 172, “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

\*Scripture Reading Matthew 12:38-41 (Pew Bible p. 690)

<sup>38</sup>Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.” <sup>39</sup>But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup>For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. <sup>41</sup>The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

\*Response to God’s Word: 734, “Gloria Patri”

Message: “The Sign of Jonah” Pastor Johnson

\*Hymn: 275, “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

\*Closing Prayer

### We Receive God’s Blessing

\*Benediction

\*Response: 731 “Doxology”

*\*Congregation please stand*