

**Order of Service / Instructions-Cues /** What is actually read /

**There is no procession, so when it nears time to begin the service, you can move to the platform and sit in the lectern chair whenever you are ready.**

## **Order of Worship 06-20-21**

### **Welcome, Announcements**

### **Pre-service Offertory/Doxology/Offering and Opening Prayer**

**Move to the lectern as the prayer is said. I (PC) will read the regular font and you with the congregation (S/C) will read the bold font...**

### **Apostle's Creed**

**PC:** Remain standing for the Apostle's Creed. I will offer the questions, and Sherrie will lead you in the answers. Do you believe in God the Father?

**C/C:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**PC:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**C/C:** I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**PC:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C/C:** 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.

**Return to lectern chair**

### **Tribute to Fathers, Music, Act of Centering (with Silence and one sentence prayer), Theme**

**At the end of the theme, which is usually a short "children's story", I will transition us into the Responsive Reading which will include a line of instruction to the congregation to read the yellow font... Move to the lectern. You (SR) will read the regular font, I will read with the congregation (P/C)**

**Responsive Reading** (“....” means a brief pause for effect/emphasis)

SR: Evil relentlessly pursues us. Sorrowful circumstances and worthless enchantments call us to change our priorities. Temptations surround us and attack us from within. We are afflicted.... distressed.... our spiritual vision grows weak with sorrow.... our souls and bodies wear out against the pressures.

**P/C: The Lord sees the anguish of our souls.**

SR: We cry out for mercy, for deliverance, for protection.

**P/C: Our days are in your powerful mastery.**

SR: We seek from the Spirit the self-discipline to keep trusting you, that we may not fail and fall. For if God is not on our side, our troubles would swallow us alive..... the torrential flood would engulf us and sweep us away.

**P/C: We commit our lives into your faithful hands.**

SR: Then the Lord will not turn us over to our torments. He will not let us be eaten up by what pesters us. He breaks what would entangle us and we will escape what would entrap us.

**P/C: He shelters us in his spacious refuge.**

SR: There, in his presence, we are safe from dangerous attacks and from intrigues. He preserves those who are true to him. How abundant are the blessings God has stored up for those who revere him. Love the Lord, faithful people.

**P/C: We will be glad and rejoice in his love.**

(Inspired by Psalm 40:1-11) (NIV, EHV)

**Prayer Music, Prayers -> Lord's Prayer  
Music (3 verses)**

When the song nears the end, move to the lectern and begin the Bible Intro reading. Don't read any of the blue headings... simply read the intro and bible text.

## Bible Intro and Reading

God has brought each of us to this point in our spiritual journey, and it is only by his help that we will safely make it the rest of the way home to God as long as we can stay connected in relationship to him. It sounds simple enough. But even King David, having been put on solid ground by God, saw his of position of strength and security, and started taking God's role in it for granted, to dire consequences. Fortunately, he learned his lesson and got back on track. Listen:

... I said in my security, "I will never be knocked down." Lord, in your favor you made strength stand like a mountain for me. Then you hid your face. I was terrified. To you, O LORD, I call. To the Lord I cry for mercy: ... LORD, hear and be merciful to me. LORD, be a helper for me."

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you lifted me up. You did not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you healed me. Lord, you snatched my life from the grave. You kept me alive so I did not go down into the pit. Make music to the Lord, you his favored ones, and give thanks when you remember his holiness, for we spend a moment under his anger, but we enjoy a lifetime in his favor. In the evening, weeping comes to stay through the night, but in the morning, there is rejoicing! You turned my mourning into dancing. You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my whole being may make music to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I thank you forever.

(Psalm 30:6-8,10, 1-5, 11-12 (EHV))

### (Brief Pause)

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**This concludes your readings for the day. Thank you for your service. You may return to the lectern chair or put on your mask and exit the platform at this time.**