



# Faith

Community Church

September 19, 2021

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*GOD'S GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

On this Lord's Day, we, as beloved and chosen people of God, are graciously called into this place for worship. Christ, who is our Redeemer, our Savior, healer, and giver of life, beckons our community of faith to come together and lift our individual and corporate voices to our Lord.

**It is by God's gracious invitation that we are called to worship.**

So, people of God, we are invited to come to worship not because we ought to,

**But because we may;**

We come and worship not because we are righteous,

**But because we acknowledge our own sinfulness;**

We come and worship not because we are strong,

**But because we are weak and in need of God's grace;**

We come and worship not because we are whole,

**But because we are broken and long for Christ's restoration.**

### \*OPENING SONGS - "Here I Am To Worship"

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness  
Open my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You  
And here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in Heaven above  
Humbly You came to the Earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor  
And here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
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## **“Come Christians, Join To Sing”**

Come, Christians, join to sing  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ we bring;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
Before his throne rejoice;  
Praise is his gracious choice.  
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Christ is our guide and friend  
On whom we can depend:  
His love shall never end.  
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven’s blissful shore,  
His goodness we’ll adore,  
Singing forevermore,  
Alleluia! Amen!

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Hear our cry, O Lord, for we are a broken people desperately in need of your grace and mercy. We are a broken people whose sins overwhelm us like a flood—some sins blatant, and some so secret we dare not think about them or acknowledge them before you. Hear our cry, O Lord. Hear our silent prayers, our silent longings, our silent confessions before you, laying bare our guilt and sin.

-Moment of Silence-

We confess our personal sins, the ones we try so hard to hide from others but which are so known to you. We confess all the things that stand as a barrier between us and your gracious desire for our lives. Hear our prayers.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **OFFERING**

## **125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY HISTORY**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **\*DECLARATION OF FAITH- Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 38**

103. Q. What is God’s will for you in the fourth commandment?

**A. First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I diligently attend the assembly of God’s people to learn what God’s Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor. Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.**

### **\*SONG OF PREPARATION- “Spirit Of The Living God”**

Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God,  
Move among us all;  
Make us one in heart and mind,  
Make us one in love.  
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing  
Spirit of the Living God, fill our lives with love.

**SCRIPTURE-** Genesis 2:4-8, 15, 19-20

<sup>4</sup>This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. <sup>5</sup> Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, <sup>6</sup> but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup> Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

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<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

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<sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

**SERMON – “The Tree Of Purpose”**

**SONG OF RESPONSE- “As The Deer”**

As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after Thee  
You are all that my heart desire  
And I long to worship Thee  
You alone are my strength, my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee

You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are a King  
I love you more than any other  
So much more than anything  
You alone are my strength, my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*DOXOLOGY- “May The Love Of God**

May the love of God spring up in your soul,  
Be a healing stream in the wilderness flowing  
And may the love of God quench the thirsty soul,  
Feed the hungry heart;  
May the love of God flow through you.