

May 5 Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship *

One: Isaiah calls us to worship a God of compassion and justice, a God who calls us to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless poor.

All: For then God's light shall break forth like the dawn and God's healing shall spring up quickly.

One: So in praise and wonder, we come to worship not just with our words but with our hearts and our lives.

All: Glory and honor be to you, O God, Creator of a new heaven and a new earth.

Opening Song—"Rise Up, O Saints of God!" *

Rise up, O saints of God!

Have done with lesser things.

give heart and mind and soul and strength
to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O saints of God!

The kingdom tarries long.

bring in the day of righteousness,
and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O saints of God!

The church for you doth wait,
with strength unequal to the task;
rise up, and make it great.

Lift high the cross of Christ;

tread where Christ's feet have trod;

come sisters, brothers in the faith,

rise up, O saints of God.

Call to Confession *

Prayer of Confession *

All: We too, struggle with this guidance, and too often fail in our attempts to build community. Holy One, forgive us. Take away whatever holds us back. Show us the way to confidence and generosity so that we may be known as your people: Repairers of the broken places and Restorers of safety and peace. O God, with your help we can change and bring you glory.

Assurance of Pardon *

One: Though we may have strayed, when we come to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, we can be sure that the kin-dom we are offered cannot be shaken. We will not be abandoned; indeed we will have continual guidance.

All: Each time we feed the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted we grow in the strength of our faith and our bond with God. We are changed.

One: Praise be to God; this simple miracle is made available to all of us, God's children.

"Glory to God" *

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Passing the Peace *

Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Amen.

Children's Time

Song

Scripture Reading ([John 12:24-28](#); [Isaiah 58:5-12](#))

Sermon

Communion

Closing Song-“When the Poor Ones”

When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the wounded in their weakness strengthen others,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

Closing Message *

Postlude

** Rise in body or spirit*