

# The Church at Worship

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

*Congregational responses and unison readings are indicated in bold.*

## The Gathering

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord God, may we be grateful for our lot, and compassionate toward all those who are suffering every kind of distress. May we hold back nothing and hasten to be the ministers of prayer and mercy, like the disciples of Him who went about doing good in times of need. Speak to us this morning and give us both the words and the tools to do your work. In your Son Jesus' name, Amen.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on John 6:35)*

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

**People: Savior God, we come to you hungry and thirsty, grateful for the sustenance you provide.**

Leader: There is also SALT, and SUGAR, AND LIGHT

**People: Those representatives of elements of our faith**

Leader: Guide us Lord, in their proper placement

**People: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      *Fairest Lord Jesus*      *SJ #104*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Our sins and shortcomings are not permanent obstacles to God. Grace and forgiveness are freely given. Let us take this opportunity to humbly approach our God and confess our sins.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Christ calls us to stand with the least and the last, but we cling to power and privilege. We fear worldly consequences for faithful action. We fail**

**to follow where Christ leads, making excuses for ourselves, for our silence in the face of oppression, for our lack of action. Forgive us, God, and help us risk following where Christ calls. Amen.**

*(Moment for silent confession)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's love is sure and steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven and return to right relationship with God. Amen.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!**

## The Response to Forgiveness

*\*Gloria Patri*      #620

### THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ which passes all understanding be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please turn to those around you and extend the hand of peace and friendship)*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE      *Fill My Cup Lord*      *SJ # 367*

## The Word

SCRIPTURE      John 8:12 & Matthew 5:13-16

SERMON      *"The Water, The Bread, The SALT, the SUGAR, and The LIGHT"*  
*RE Cindy Lanphear*

*S-A-L-T: Salvation Altering Lessons & Tales*

*S-U-G-A-R: Something U Get and Regret*

*L-I-G-H-T: Love in God Honors Truth*

## The Response

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

**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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Eucharist

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*\*DOXOLOGY*      # 623

*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

## The Sending

\*CLOSING HYMN      *Standing on the Promises*      *SJ # 510*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE      *God Be With You*      #583

### POSTLUDE

