

INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

Those who place their trust in God are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season and with leaves that are ever green.

**\*SCRIPTURE READING ..... 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

**\* OPENING HYMN: #176 ..... Majesty, Worship His Majesty**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ has been raised from the dead! That fact is the foundation of the Christian faith.

**People: Our faith is firmly rooted in the reality that life is not limited by the boundaries of this world.**

Leader: The strength of our faith lies in God's power demonstrated in Christ's Resurrection, which is a preview of our own resurrection.

**People: Praise God for the resurrection faith given through his Son!**

**\* Let us pray (Congregation):**

Glorious God, who raised your Son from the dead, establishing the very essence of the Christian faith: Convince us of the reality that you raised our Lord from the dead and that you have given us a faith that proclaims our own resurrection. Thus, may we live our lives in the full assurance of this resurrection faith until at last we meet our Savior face to face in whose name we pray. Amen.

**\* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: #710 ..... Faith of Our Fathers**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

We have lacked conviction when we have talked about the Resurrection, Lord, and then when we think seriously about it we feel doubts as to how it could really be. Forgive us for our affirmations that have come from our lips only, and not our hearts. Strengthen our belief in the sure hope of Christ's Resurrection and ours that the words of our lips may be a true witness of the faith in our hearts. We pray through Christ, our Resurrection. Amen.

**\* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: #711 ...For All the Saints  
(vs 1 & 4)**

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Let us delight on the law of God, and meditate on God's teachings, day, and night.

**\*SCRIPTURE READING: ..... James 4:13-17**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **"Establishing Our Priorities"**

**\* RESPONSE TO THE WORD: #707 ..... Hymn of Promise**

**CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns**

**\* PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 ..... O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

HOLY COMMUNION

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

**CLOSING HYMN: #431 ..... Let There Be Peace on Earth**

**\*DISMISSAL BLESSING**

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (CEB)**

<sup>12</sup> So if the message that is preached says that Christ has been raised from the dead, then how can some of you say, "There's no resurrection of the dead"? <sup>13</sup> If there's no resurrection of the dead, then Christ hasn't been raised either. <sup>14</sup> If Christ hasn't been raised, then our preaching is useless and your faith is useless. <sup>15</sup> We are found to be false witnesses about God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, when he didn't raise him if it's the case that the dead aren't raised. <sup>16</sup> If the dead aren't raised, then Christ hasn't been raised either. <sup>17</sup> If Christ hasn't been raised, then your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins, <sup>18</sup> and what's more, those who have died in Christ are gone forever. <sup>19</sup> If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He's the first crop of the harvest<sup>[a]</sup> of those who have died.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading: James 4:13-17 (CEB)**

<sup>13</sup> Pay attention, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such-and-such a town. We will stay there a year, buying and selling, and making a profit." <sup>14</sup> You don't really know about tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for only a short while before it vanishes. <sup>15</sup> Here's what you ought to say: "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup> But now you boast and brag, and all such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup> It is a sin when someone knows the right thing to do and doesn't do it.



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