

Order of Service

August 15, 2021

Lighting of the Candle

Jésus Chris est la lumière du monde.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Introit

Call to worship (Responsive) Psalm 24:1-8 NRSV

L: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,

P: the world, and those who live in it;

L: for he has founded it on the seas,

P: and established it on the rivers.

L: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

P: And who shall stand in his holy place?

L: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

P: who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

L: They will receive blessing from the LORD,

P: and vindication from the God of their salvation.

L: Such is the company of those who seek him,

P: who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

L: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

P: that the King of glory may come in.

L: Who is the King of glory?

P: The LORD, strong and mighty,

ALL: the LORD, mighty in battle.

Opening Hymn #328 "This is my Father's World"

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil – for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Assurance of pardon

Hymn #689 "Simply Trusting Everyday"

Prayer for illumination

Scripture Reading

Responsive Psalm: 23:1-6

L: The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures,

L: he leads me beside quiet waters,

P: he refreshes my soul.

L: He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

P: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

L: I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

P: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me

P: in the presence of my enemies.

L: You anoint my head with oil;

P: my cup overflows.

L: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

P: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

New Testament: John 9:35-10:6

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" **36** "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." **37** Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." **38** Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. **39** Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." **40** Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" **41** Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains. "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. **2** The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5** But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." **6** Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Sermon Just don't go with strangers, eh?

Responsive Hymn #699 "All the way my Saviour leads me"

Prayer of the people

Closing Hymn #435 "All things bright and beautiful"

Benediction

Postlude