

## Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and  
worthily magnify your holy name  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



## Welcome!

**We are grateful that you joined us today.** After worship please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Peace Group. After refreshments there are Sunday School classes for different ages.

**If you have joined us today with children,** there is a nursery available. In addition, there is children's church for ages 3 to 3rd grade. Children leave the service during the Passing of the Peace and return during the Communion Hymn. There are three options during this time: nursery, 3-5 year olds, and up to 3rd grade. There is also a Sunday School for children after refreshments.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Refreshments for next Sunday:** Patience Group. Contact Patty Keeney 828-783-0824 (c).

**World Relief News:** We have the opportunity to go up to High Point to deliver donations and help in the warehouse on Nov. 19, and Dec. 10. It is exciting to be part of the Body of Christ in action, serving the refugees, immigrants, and victims of trafficking who are relocating to our part of NC. For more information contact: **Gayle: 321 501 8237** or **Amy: 828 719 9454**

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Service for the Lord's Day

October 16, 2022



## GREETING

Leader: *Christ is risen!*

**All: *He is risen indeed!***

## PRELUDE

*Almighty God*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 32*

## \* HYMN OF PRAISE #393 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*When we see God's beautiful holiness, we recognize our own lack of holiness. God is light and truth, yet we live among shadows and lies.*

*People of God, let us acknowledge who and whose we are; let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord.*

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Often, O holy and righteous God, we dare your justice, mock your mercy, jeer your patience, slight your power, and show contempt for your love.*

*We even say "I'm sorry" insincerely and confess our sin flippantly. We plead your help to own up carefully to how we have wronged you, to admit honestly how we have grieved you, to plead penitently for your mercy and pardon.*

*We beg your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Psalm 103:8-13, NRSV

*The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.*

*He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.*

## \* PASSING THE PEACE

## \* DOXOLGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above the Heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. ~ Amen*

## \* CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ from Ephesians 2

*We believe that we were dead in our transgressions and sins. All of us were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace that we have been saved.*

*We believe that it is by grace that we have been saved, through faith — and this is not from ourselves, our faith is the gift of God.*

*We believe that we are not saved by works, so that no one can boast.*

*We believe that we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

## \* HYMN OF PREPARATION *Speak O Lord (see insert)*

## SCRIPTURE AND SERMON *Galatians 5:16-26; Keep in Step*

## \* COMMUNION HYMN #526 *The Solid Rock*

## \* CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

**All: *And also with you.***

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

**All: *We lift them up to the Lord.***

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**All: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

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Leader: *Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.*

**All: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## \* HYMN OF SENDING #642 *Abide With Me*

## \* BLESSING