

## *Prayer of Preparation*

Holy God, our Father, we pray your blessing on those who lead us in worship this day, those who speak and sing and move among us, those who direct others in singing and playing, those who have prepared this space with beauty.

We ask that each of them may lead with a sense of peace and confidence that comes from your Spirit, so that your truth may be proclaimed faithfully and we may live up to our calling as the body of Christ.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## *Welcome!*

We are grateful that you joined us today and would love to keep in touch. After worship, please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Peace Group.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next Sunday is our Fifth Sunday Breakfast** hosted by our church's best cooks with the help of our Patience Group. Contact Patty Keeney at 828-783-0824.

**IT'S A BOY!** Please join us this afternoon at 2:00 for Kelsey and Ryan's baby shower.

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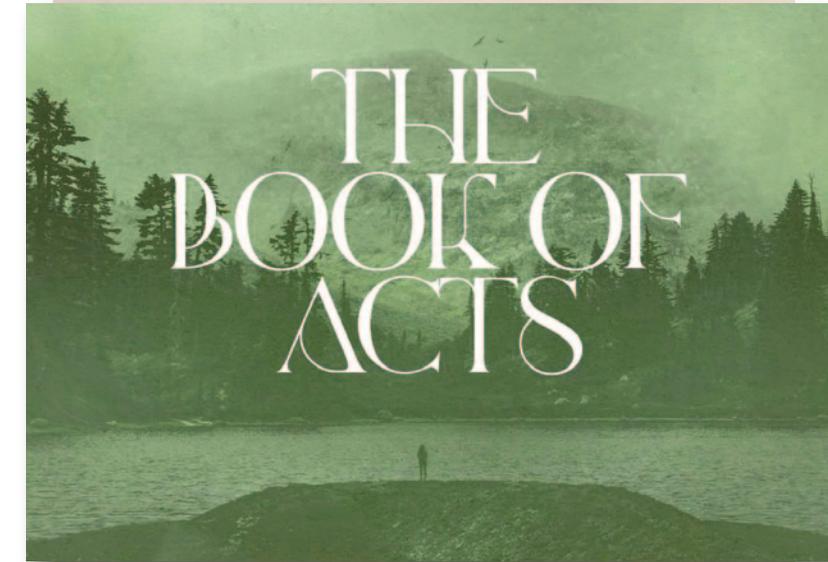
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Service for the Lord's Day

24 July 2022



**GREETING**

Leader: *Christ is risen!*

**All: He is risen indeed!**

**PRELUDE**

*Lord Have Mercy  
written by Porters Gate*

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 67*

Leader: *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.*

**All: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: *May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth*

**All: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: *The land yields its harvest;  
God, our God, blesses us..*

**All: May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE** #128 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*based on 1 John 2:1-2*

*The apostle John wrote: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the*

*whole world. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.*

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.***

\* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** ~ based on 1 Timothy 1:15  
*Peter 2:24*

*This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

\* **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 Colossians 1*

Leader: *This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:*

**All: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.**

Leader: *There is one God; there is one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus,*

**All: who gave himself as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.**

Leader: *Great indeed is the mystery of our religion:*

**All: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.**

\* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Let the Nations Be Glad*  
*(see inser)*

**SCRIPTURE AND SERMON** *Acts 16.6-40 ~ Allan Poole*

\* **COMMUNION HYMN** *Take, Eat (see insert)*

\* **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.**

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** #562 *Be Thou My Vision*

\* **BENEDICTION**