

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light
of your church:
open our hearts to the
riches of your grace,
that we might bring forth
the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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 Kindness Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshments for next Sunday: Goodness Group.
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Service for the Lord's Day

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THE
BOOK OF
ACTS

The image shows a book cover for 'The Book of Acts'. The background is a purple-tinted photograph of a lake with a person standing on a small island in the distance. The title 'THE BOOK OF ACTS' is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the center of the image.

GREETING

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE

Your Labor is not in Vain

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 22

Leader: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord,

All: All the families of the nations will bow down before him

Leader: for dominion belongs to the Lord.

All: and he rules over the nations.

Leader: All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him— those who cannot keep themselves alive.

All: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

Leader: They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn:

All: He has done it!

* HYMN OF PRAISE #401 The Church's One Foundation

CALL TO CONFESSION based on John 14:15-17, 21, NIV

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command, and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." Let us confess our sin to God.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ from Romans 8

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death.

And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in us.

* 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 The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #465 Baptized in Water

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

Acts 8:26-40

The Witness to the Stranger

* 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 We Will Feast in the House of Zion (see insert)

* BENEDICTION