

Sending of God's Word

CLOSING HYMN

The Church of Christ in Every Age

#320

1 The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

2 Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

3 Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

4 For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

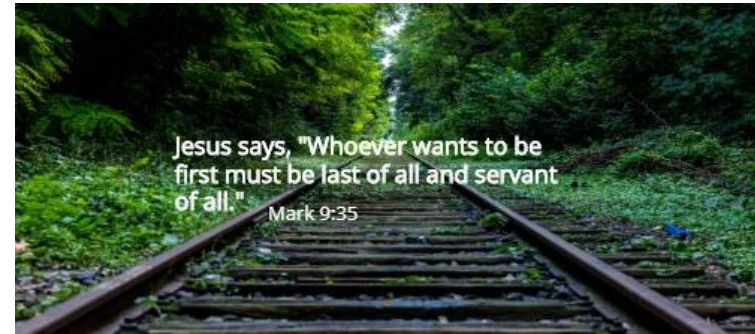
5 We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord: to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please take a moment and add your name and contact information at our Visitor Sign-in located on the table by the doors in the Narthex (the doors to the Coburg Parking Lot).

Leading in worship today:
The Revs Marta and David Ukropina, Co-pastors
Steve Halberg, Music Leader



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Gathering Around God's Word

GATHERING MUSIC

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that they follow.
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they mediate on God's law day and night.

*OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

#839

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long. | This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain

CALL TO CONFESSION

Recognizing that we are easily swayed by the wrong advice and that we have strayed from the ways of the Lord, let us confess our sins to God, with hope of finding love and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we crave recognition and praise. We strive to achieve so that we may be praised. We want to be the greatest, but Jesus said, “Whoever wants to the first must be last and servant of all.” Help us to hear our Lord’s voice. Forgive our selfish desires, and help us to give you the glory. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but the people who fear the Lord are to be praised. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and we can live in peace.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

New Testament Reading: Mark 9:30-35

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

ANTHEM “*I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*” Tom and Katie Stocks, Arlis Wozniak

SERMON

“On the Way”

Rev. David Ukropina

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Responding to God’s Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.