

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE 9-5-10

Words of Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: God calls us from far and wide, from town and country, to gather at Christ's table.

C: We come as other families to share a feast, with joy, laughter and love.

L: We come expecting to grow in our faith and in our relationships with one another and God.

C: We praise, sing and share at Christ's table.

*Hymn # 88 Maker, In Whom We Live

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. 2 You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my every thought when far away. 3 You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment you know where I am. 4 You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. 5 You both precede and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to know! 13 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous - and how well I know it. 15 You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. 16 You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. 17 How precious are your thoughts about me, O God! They are innumerable! 18 I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up in the morning, you are still with me!

Call to Confession

We are commanded to love the Lord our God, walk in his ways and observe his commandments, decrees and ordinances. Although we continually fail, God never ceases to long for us to turn away from our sin and toward him. Knowing the richness of God's mercy, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, you created us out of love, calling us to choose blessings and to delight in your law; instead, we follow our own capricious nature. Rather than seeing freedom in your decrees, we see constraints. We convince ourselves that we know what we need better than you do. We make choices that hurt others and lead us away from you. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short in what we do and in what we fail to do. Instill in us the desire to grow in our faith and our discipleship so we can help grow your kingdom with integrity. Amen.

(Silent Reflection & Prayer of Assurance)

Pardon

Beloved of God, the Lord's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

Special Music

Offertory:

*Doxology #95 Praise God

Pastoral Prayer

Focus Scripture Luke 14:25-35 (NLT)

25 Great crowds were following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, 26 "If you want to be my follower you must love me more than your own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters -- yes, more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. 27 And you cannot be my disciple if you do not carry your own cross and follow me. 28 "But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first getting estimates and then checking to see if there is enough money to pay the bills? 29 Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of funds. And then how everyone would laugh at you! 30 They would say, 'There's the person who started that building and ran out of money before it was finished!' 31 "Or what king would ever dream of going to war without first sitting down with his counselors and discussing whether his army of ten thousand is strong enough to defeat the twenty thousand soldiers who are marching against him? 32 If he is not able, then while the enemy is still far away, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace. 33 So no one can become my disciple without giving up everything for me. 34 "Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? 35 Flavorless salt is good neither for the soil nor for fertilizer. It is thrown away. Anyone who is willing to hear should listen and understand!"

Sermon: Dangerous Discipleship

Hymn #399 Take My Life, and Let It Be

Holy Communion

*Hymn # 400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Benediction & Three-Fold "Amen"

**THE SUMMIT
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Song Set

Children's Moment

God's Word for Us Luke 14:25-35 (NLT)

Message: Dangerous Discipleship

Holy Communion

Song Set