Church of the Harvest (ARP) Order of Worship Sunday, March 30, 2025

Theme: Content in Your Circumstances

#### We Gather to Worship God

### LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 16:5-11 God calls us into His presence to connect with Him in worship.

Leader: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

All: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also, my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Leader: Therefore, my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

All: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### • OPENING PRAYER

*We respond to God's gracious invitation by asking Him to empower and receive our worship* 

### \* SONG OF PRAISE

God's people have always worshiped Him in song, and we join our voices with theirs to give Him praise as our Creator and Redeemer.

HG 104

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we come into God's presence, we see ourselves as we are and at his invitation, we confess our sins individually and together.

(Unison) Lord, We come before you in worship today recognizing your power and majesty. We know that you alone are worthy to be worshipped, yet we pursue and worship many other pleasures, people and things, showing that our true god is ourselves. Forgive us Lord! By your word teach us your truth and renew a right spirit within us. In Jesus name we pray. (Silent Confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE Prov. 28:13 God declares that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from the guilt and shame of all their sins.

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

# GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In gratitude to God, we give back a portion of what he has entrusted to us for the work of His kingdom.

### \* DOXOLOGY

We celebrate what God has done, giving Him all the credit for it.

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We express our hearts to God on behalf of God's people for grace and mercy especially for the hurting, needy, and broken.

(Unison) 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.

# We Hear God's Word

SONG OF PREPARATION See Insert We worship God in song as we prepare our hearts to hear His Word.

Father, I Know That All My Life

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 7:17-24 (ESV) The early church treasured the communal reading of Scripture. Rooted in this tradition we publicly read a portion of His Word.

MESSAGE Rev. Ken Bush God has ordained the preaching of the Bible to be the chief means of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

"Bloom Where You're Planted"

# We Respond to God's Call

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Belgic Confession 30 We affirm our faith about what we have heard from His Word by reciting from Scripture or one of the confessions of His church.

We believe that this true church ought to be governed according to the spiritual order that our Lord has taught us in his Word. There should be ministers or pastors to preach the Word of God and administer the sacraments. There should also be elders and deacons, along with the pastors, to make up the council of the church. By this means true religion is preserved; true doctrine is able to take its course; and evil men are corrected spiritually and held in check, so that also the poor and all the afflicted may be helped and comforted according to their need. By this means everything will be done well and in good order in the church, when such persons are elected who are faithful and are chosen according to the rule that Paul gave to Timothy.

SONG OF COMMUNION REFLECTION HG 187 We reflect on the meaning of the Lord's Table in song

Before the Throne of Good Above

\* Please Stand. Unless noted, all Scripture is from the *English Standard Version (ESV).* • CCLI #20061381.

### LORD'S SUPPER

We welcome all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus for salvation and who are members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel to take the Lord's Supper with us. The tinted cups in the center are grape juice and the clear cups around the outside contain Port wine.

\* SONG OF RESPONSE HG 124 We respond to God in song as we prepare our hearts to go out into the world on His behalf.

Lead On O King Eternal

## We Depart to Serve God

## \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

We depart with and challenge and a final "good word" as reminders of the grace given to us in the Gospel.

# \* THREE-FOLD AMEN

\* Please Stand.

## Announcements

**Tithes and Offerings:** If you have tithes and offerings that you wish to give to the Lord as a part of your worship, please place them in the basket located on the Welcome Table.

**Join us for A Fellowship Meal:** We will share a fellowship meal together after the service this morning.

**Men's Mini-Retreat:** The men from Redeemer Blacksburg invite us to join them on June 20-21. Those interested in camping can join them Friday night. Saturday Ken will be conducting a battlefield orientation on the Winchester Battlefield. Let Ken know if you are interested by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

ARP Family Camp: This annual camp will be held Monday, July 28th through Thursday, July 31st at the ARP Bonclarken Conference Center. The theme is *Worship and the Psalms*. Activities for all ages. For more information go to https://arpconferences.org/fbc/.



We appreciate that you took the time to visit and join us for worship.

