Church of the Harvest (ARP) Order of Worship Sunday, May 18, 2025

Theme: Called to Make Disciples

We Gather to Worship God

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP Romans 5:8-11 God calls us into His presence to connect with Him in worship.

Leader: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **People: While we were His enemies, Christ bled for us.** Leader: We have been saved from wrath and justified by his blood.

People: Now we are a reconciled people, brought to life in Him! Let us boast in our God and sing of our salvation!

* 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.

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Ye Servants of God

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) Gracious Heavenly Father, we are gathered before you, maker of heaven and earth, in the assurance that you promised to dwell with the broken and contrite of heart. We come to confess that we sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Too often the Great Commission that you Son gave us has become a great omission as we have failed to be your witnesses and to make disciples. Forgive us. Come Holy Spirit and complete what you have begun and make us more like Jesus every day. In his name we pray. (Silent Confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE Micah 7:18 God declares that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from the guilt and shame of all their sins.

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

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 HG 356 We worship God in song as we prepare our hearts to hear His Word.

I Know Whom I Have Believed

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8: 27-38 (ESV) The early church treasured the communal reading of Scripture. Rooted in this tradition we publicly read a portion of His Word.

MESSAGE Chaplain (MAJ) Jason Hill God has ordained the preaching of the Bible to be the chief means of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

"Christ's Call to Discipleship"

We Respond to God's Call

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH# based on Matthew 28:18-20 We affirm our faith about what we have heard from His Word by reciting from Scripture or one of the confessions of His church.

Question: What do we believe concerning the Great Commission?

Answer: We believe that Jesus came to the disciples and said to them: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

We Receive

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.

* Please Stand. • CCLI #20061381.

* SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to God in song as we prepare our hearts to go out into the world on His behalf.

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I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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.

Fellowship Meal: Join us after the service for our fellowship meal.

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.

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 <u>https://arpconferences.org/fbc/</u>.

Website: churchoftheharvestarp.org



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

Reflections on Discipleship

I believe the greatest opportunity for the contemporary church is to recapture a radically God-centered vision for discipleship. Deep discipleship is more about reveling in the transcendence of God than it is a ministry practice. The source of true discipleship is not better programs, better preaching, or better community. All of those, and more, are hugely important tools, but the source of discipleship is God himself. Thus, at the heart of everything we do is the desire to grow in our love and knowledge of God. – J.T. English, *Deep Discipleship: How the Church Can Make Whole Disciples of Jesus*

Most people in America, when they are exposed to the Christian faith, are not being transformed. They take one step into the door, and the journey ends. They are not being allowed, encouraged, or equipped to love or to think like Christ. Yet in many ways a focus on spiritual formation fits what a new generation is really seeking. Transformation is a process, a journey, not a one-time decision." –David Kinnaman, *unChristian*