

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

JULY 26, 2009

*In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whomsoever will come.*

*Jesus taught us that if our brother has something against us, we ought to go and be reconciled to him before we do anything else in gathered worship. Please do that without delay if necessary.*

## WELCOME TO THE WORSHIP OF GOD

### OUR APPROACH

#### *God of Wonders*

*God created the heavens, the earth, and sky. We come to the God beyond not only our galaxy, but beyond our understanding. The earth is full of the Glory of the Lord, and we sing He is holy.*

#### *Be Unto Your Name*

*When we sing of God's greatness, we see how frail and temporal we are. When we sing that he is holy, perhaps we don't fully grasp what that means; he is set apart, and there is no one like Him. Highest praises be unto his name.*

### OUR FALL AND CONFESSION

#### The Ten Commandments

#### *Lord Have Mercy*

*We cry out for forgiveness. The earth was created, and God's marvelous fingers formed man from dust. Man sinned, and God said "from dust you were formed, to dust you shall return". The sin is great, the separation from God unbearable. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.*

#### *Amazing Love (You are My King)*

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." That is amazing.*

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS *(children ages 5-8 may now exit for Children's Worship)*

#### Offertory

### SERMON: JOHN SITTEMA

"Horror Stories, Bookkeeping, and the Parable of the Fig Tree" Luke 13:1-9

### OUR RESPONSE

#### *How Can it Be?*

*When faced with the infinite grace of God, the response is amazement. Thou, my Christ, died for me. Language fails us again in aiding our worship. We use words like amazing and marvelous, but they pale in comparison to his splendor.*

### BENEDICTION

## WORSHIP WORDS

*The path to deeper worship is a clearer theology.*

“Lord I crawled across the barrenness to you with my empty cup, uncertain in asking any small drop of refreshment. If only I had known you better, I’d have come running with a bucket.” —Nancy Spiegelberg