

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 8, 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP: SHINE YOUR LIGHT ON OUR SHADOWS

J. Woods- Today we share a prayer that has been written for this body, in this moment. We always "track dirt in" we come into His house, but He never looks at the dirt. He wants us here. So, we sing with love because He loves us first.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Text by Henry Van Dyke. This beloved hymn is full of simple expressions of praise to God. Van Dyke wrote the text at the home of Harry Augustus Garfield, son of James A. Garfield, the 20th president of the United States. Van Dyke is quoted as saying "Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best." Let us sing joyfully!

CONFESSION

on redemption, from *Our World belongs to God*.

Meekness and Majesty

Words and music by Graham Kendrick. The contrast presented here is stunning, showing that God does everything upside down. When we sing this, we are reminded that though he stooped tenderly, He still lifts us to the heights of His throne. He has never stopped being King.

Amazing Love (You are My King)

Words and music by Billy J. Foote. On the wings of being lifted to His throne, we encounter our King, and wonder how He could love us. He was forsaken, we were remembered. All that we are is because He died and rose again. Let us love as He loved us.

CORPORATE PRAYER

A prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS*

Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

SERMON: REV. KEITH DICKERSON

"Reason to Rejoice!" Scripture: Romans 8:28-39

Amazing Love

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

*children (ages 5-8) may now exit the service for Children's Worship in room 202

WORSHIP WORDS

The path to deeper worship is a clearer theology.

The continued bashing of “liturgical” churches by church marketers who say that “liturgy doesn’t appeal to contemporary people” is based on a misunderstanding of what liturgy is. The name *leitourgia* simply means “the work of the people.” Since most churches involve worship participants in singing songs and in silently or vocally joining the prayers, all are liturgical, according to original meaning of the word.

Marva J. Dawn, *A Royal “Waste” of Time*