

ORDER OF SERVICE

2017 LAY SUNDAY

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

***THE PROCESSIONAL** – #648 “We’re Marching to Zion”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP – PSALM 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing? Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise! Be thankful unto Him and bless His name for the Lord is good. His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.

THE INVOCATION (congregation in unison)

Here we are Lord! We come from the busy-ness of our daily lives, from the hubbub of our work and play, from the hue and cry of the world around us. We come to worship you. In this hour, we long to meet you, to feel your presence surrounding us, enveloping us, loving us. We long to settle into silence, laying aside our worries and cares, aware of your presence around us, before us, behind us, and within us. Come, Lord. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE – “Into My Heart”

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE** – #50 “To God Be the Glory”

*THE RESPONSIVE READING – PSALM 27

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?

Congregation: The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell.

Congregation: Though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident: one thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

Leader: To behold the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

Congregation: For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me. He shall set me high upon a rock.

Leader: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me.

Congregation: Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle. I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

Leader: Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

Congregation: When You said, “Seek My face,” my heart said to You, “Your face, LORD, I will seek.”

Leader: Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger. You have been my help;

Congregation: Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

Leader: Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me in a smooth path because of my enemies.

Congregation: Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me and such as breathe out cruelty.

Leader: I would have lost heart had I not believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

All: Wait on the LORD. Be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart. Wait, I say, on the LORD!

*** THE GLORIA PATRI**

***THE APOSTLE’S CREED OR THE AFFIRMATION OF LAITY**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT – 1 Chronicles 29:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT – 1 Thessalonians 5:4-23

THE MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE*

THE CHORAL SELECTION**

THE MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

THE NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION – #681 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

THE LAY SUNDAY MESSAGE

***THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

HYMN OF INVITATION

ALTAR PRAYER/REDEDICATION OF LAITY (Renewal of Church Membership/Baptism Vows)

THE OFFERING APPEAL (*including the Lay Sunday Offering*)

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*** THE RECESSIONAL – #680 Onward Christian Laity**

LAY COUNCIL CLOSING PRAYER – Oh God, our Father, pour out your steadfast love upon us and keep us in your care, now and forever more. Amen.

THE CHORAL BENEDICTORY – “Lord, Make Me More Holy”

****The Congregation Standing***