

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 | 9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION & PRAISE

Prelude: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Richard Kingsmore
"Eagle's Wings" by Michael Joncas, arr. Jack Schrader

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship: Colossians 3:1-4

Prayer of the Day:

God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes, for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

* Hymn: "Great Is the Lord"

* God's Greeting: Psalm 9:1-2, 34:3; Revelation 1:4-5

* Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" PH 249: 1,2,4

CONFESSION & PRAYER

Call to Confession: based on Belgic Confession Art. 37 (PH p. 857)

Prayer of Confession

God's Will for Our Lives: II Peter 3:11-14

Assurance of Pardon: based on Belgic Confession Art. 37 (PH p. 858)

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "O Sing to the Lord"

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *This Day Should Not Surprise You* I Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p. 1171)

* Hymn: "10,000 Reasons"

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Thanksgiving

Words of Institution: Luke 22:14-20

* Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Hymn: "By the Sea of Crystal" PH 620

* Offertory Prayer for the General Fund & World Renew

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

* Benediction: I Peter 5:10-11

* Doxology: "Soon and Very Soon"

Postlude

**Indicates congregation stands, as able*

Ministers: Rev. Joel Vande Werken

Liturgists: Nate Gjeltema, Kathy Hudson, Dorothy Vanden Berg

Piano: Terry Ebbeling | Guitar: Greg Ebbeling

Prayer of the Day adapted from (PCUSA) Book of Common Worship

Prayer of Confession adapted from Worship Sourcebook S.2.2.15

Liturgy for the Lord's Supper adapted from forms approved by CRC Synods of 1994 and 2016