



Faith - Family - Fellowship

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

MAY 11, 2025

8:45 a.m.

GREETING & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PR
CALL TO WORSHIP	Stand Up and Bless the Lord	Chancel Choir
PRELUDE		LT
HYMN OF FAITH	How Can We Name a Love (Hymnal #111 vs 1,2,&3)	Chancel Choir & Congregation
CELEBRATION OF MOTHER'S		
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		Tony Smith
GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father (Hymnal #71)	Chancel Choir & Congregation
WORDS OF WISDOM	Jeremiah 18:1-6	Tony Smith
ANTHEM OF HOPE	Hymn of Promise (COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS)	Chancel Choir
DOXLOGY / BLESSING OF THE OFFERING	Hymnal #95	Chancel Choir & Congregation
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH / THE LORD'S PRAYER		Dianne Boykin
WORD OF GOD	Colossians 2:2-10	Frances Patrick
SPIRITUAL VITAMIN	The Power of Love	
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS		
HYMN OF LOVE	Happy the Home When God Is There (Hymnal #445 vs 1,3,&4)	Chancel Choir & Congregation
BENEDICTION		LT

## **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**Pastor:** Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**People:** Jesus, I belong to you.  
I lift my heart to you.  
I set my mind on you.  
I fix my eyes on you.  
I offer my body to you, as a living sacrifice.  
Jesus, we belong to you.  
Praying in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

## **WORDS OF WISDOM - Jeremiah 18:1-6**

The Book of Jeremiah is the prophecy of a man divinely called in his youth from the priestly city of Anathoth. A heartbroken prophet with a heartbreaking message, Jeremiah labors for more than forty years proclaiming a message of doom to the stiff-necked people of Judah. Despised and persecuted by his countrymen, Jeremiah bathes his harsh prophecies in tears of compassion. His broken heart causes him to write a broken book, which is difficult to arrange chronologically or topically. But through his sermons and signs, he faithfully declares that surrender to God's will is the only way to escape calamity.

Allow these words from chapter 18 to give you a clear picture of God's manifested power and his divine love for his people.

The LORD told me, "Jeremiah, go to the pottery shop, and when you get there, I will tell you what to say to the people." I went there and saw the potter making clay pots on his pottery wheel. And whenever the clay would not take the shape he wanted, he would change his mind and form it into some other shape. Then the LORD told me to say: People of Israel, I, the LORD, have power over you, just as a potter has power over clay.

All honor and glory to you, almighty Father, the creator of heaven and earth.

**People:** Alleluia, praise be to God.

## **WORD OF GOD - Colossians 2:2-10**

Like the Book of Ephesians, Colossians purpose is to highlight that Jesus Christ is preeminent - first and foremost in everything - and the Christian's life should reflect that priority. Because believers are rooted in Him, hidden in Him, and complete in Him, it is utterly inconsistent for them to live life without Him. Clothed in His love, with His peace ruling in their hearts, they are equipped to make Christ first in every area of life.

May this passage open your heart to a higher presence of Christ's love for you as your personal Lord and Savior.

I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God. Then you will have minds confident and at rest, focused on Christ, God's great mystery. All the richest treasures of wisdom and knowledge are embedded in that mystery and nowhere else. And we've been shown the mystery! I'm telling you this because I don't want anyone leading you off on some wild-goose chase, after other so-called mysteries, or "the Secret."

I'm a long way off, true, and you may never lay eyes on me, but believe me, I'm on your side, right beside you. I am delighted to hear of the careful and orderly ways you conduct your affairs and impressed with the solid substance of your faith in Christ.

My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now live him. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well-constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.

Watch out for people who try to dazzle you with big words and intellectual double-talk. They want to drag you off into endless arguments that never amount to anything. They spread their ideas through the empty traditions of human beings and the empty superstitions of spirit beings. But that's not the way of Christ. Everything of God gets expressed in him, so you can see and hear him clearly. You don't need a telescope, a microscope, or a horoscope to realize the fullness of Christ, and the emptiness of the universe without him. When you come to him, that fullness comes together for you, too. His power extends over everything.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**