

the resurrection from the dead, and the bodily ascension into heaven of the beloved Christ Jesus, our Lord, and his future appearing from heaven in the glory of the Father to sum up all things and to raise anew all flesh of the whole human race. AMEN

Prayer for Spiritual Formation *(created by Reverend Nicole Collins)*

Leader:

Gracious and Loving God,
Teach us to live prayer
Which is the fuel towards our inner transformation
May our prayer build a mighty foundation
Upon the center of our lives, Jesus Christ
Who is the pillar and fire to our faith
May our ears truly hear and our words truly herald
Your Gospel Truth!

(Please observe a moment of Silence)

ALL: AMEN

BENEDICTION

Scattering Proclamation *(created by Reverend Nicole Collins)*

Leader: Gracious Lord Jesus, may our faith truly move mountains!
Help us to do so as we now scatter... In the name of the Father, † Son
& Holy Spirit

ALL AMEN *(Please make the sign of the Cross)*

† *Thank you for worshiping with us!* †

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DISCIPLESHIP CENTER

GATHERING WE CONFESS

(Composed by Reverend Nicole Collins)

(Please stand if able)

Leader: The Prophet Isaiah expresses an obedience built by faith. This obedience is heard in the heart to those who realize the cross and resurrection of Christ as that beautiful hope, that beautiful promise—

Please observe a moment of silence for reflection

ALL: *The Psalmist echoes this beautiful hope, this beautiful promise: 'I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. 'Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. 'Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!" 'For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. 'I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.*

Leader: Living into our call to disciple as well as to continually grow challenges our faith and perseverance daily—

ALL: *Gracious and Loving God, we confess of our bondage to sin and our misunderstanding of the freedom given. Help our hearts to be shaped into our roles given through commission and obedience to Your Gospel Imperative. Guide us, guard us and remind us daily of what we need to be and become for Your Kingdom's sake.*

Please observe a moment of silence for reflection

Leader: Upon your confession & reflection, as a humble servant of the Living Word; I announce, in the witness of God—that you are forgiven of your transgressions. Live into this repentance through renewal. In

the Name of the Father, † Son & the Holy Spirit! Amen

(Please make the sign of the Cross) †

Scripture Lessons for the Morning *(please be seated)*

A Reading from The Prophet Isaiah

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to

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† Sunday Morning Worship †

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sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant, who walks in darkness and has no light, yet trusts in the name of the LORD and relies upon his God?

Leader: *The Word of the Lord* ALL: Thanks Be to God

A Reading from the Letter of James

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord* ALL: Thanks Be to God

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

ALL: *Glory to You, O Lord*

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. ¹⁶He asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷Someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; ¹⁸and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so.” ¹⁹He answered them, “You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹Jesus asked the father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.” ²³Jesus said to him, “If you are able! —All things can be done for the one who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!” ²⁶After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. ²⁸When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹He said to them, “This kind can come out only through prayer.”

Leader: *The Word of the Lord* ALL: Praise to You, O Christ
Sermon by Pastor Nicole

PEACE † PRAYER CIRCLE † HYMN OF THE DAY

HOLY COMMUNION

Please take this opportunity to reflect in your heart how this Means of Grace—Christ actual presence feeds and restores your soul. As St. Paul would say: Listen with your heart wide open. Then, TASTE, SEE & DELIGHT that the Lord is Good!

LORD’S PRAYER: Please recite what version is comfortable for you.
(Please be seated)

Irenaeus’ Rules of Faith *(Please be seated)*

ALL: We Believe in one God, the Father Almighty, who made the heaven and the earth and the seas and all the things that are in them; and in one Christ Jesus, the Son of God, who was made flesh for our salvation; and in the Holy Spirit, who made known through the prophets the plan of salvation, and the coming, and the birth from a virgin, and the passion, and