May 4, 2025 10:00 A.M.

## Order for Our Worship of God

(\*those who are able are invited to stand)

Welcome

Prelude "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arr. Carter

Call to Worship

God, you call us from the corners of the Earth.

From the cities and the prairies, from the ghettos and the tables of the wealthy.

God, you sing to us from the corners of the universe.

In the gentle ocean breeze, in the colors that burst forth from our landscapes, in the faces of children ravaged by war.

God, you speak to us from the corners of the Earth.

To the east, to the west, to the north and to the south, above us, below us, and within us, your voice rings clear.

Send your voice to sing in us, we pray, as we worship this day. Amen.

**Opening Prayer** 

God of love, we bring our very selves to worship. Our triumphs. Our failures. Our vulnerabilities. Our greatest joys and our deepest sorrows. In this time set apart, may we hear the voice of Jesus urging us to feed and be fed, to love and be loved. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 1–3) No. 57

Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings John 21:1–19; Revelation 5:11–14

Choral Anthem "Magnify the Lord!" Wright

Sermon "Feed My Sheep" Rev. JongIn Lee

Holy Communion

Service of Word and Table II

Hymnal p. 12

\*Hymn of Reflection

"Lamb of God"

**TFWS No. 2113** 

Prayer Time

The Giving of Our Offering

Offering Song "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Carter \*Presentation "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 95 \*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and Risen Lord, Just as You met the disciples by the sea, providing for their needs and calling them into deeper love and service, so You meet us here today. You fill our nets, not just with abundance, but with purpose.

In response to Your love and calling, we offer these gifts—our resources, our time, and our lives. May they be used to feed Your sheep, tend to Your people, and share the good news of resurrection hope. Bless these offerings, Lord, and bless us as we follow You—not out of duty, but out of love. In Your holy name we pray, Amen.

\*Closing Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (vs. 1–3) No. 381

\*Blessing

Postlude "Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him" Ritter

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**WE WELCOME ALL** to this service of worship including newcomers and visitors among us.

**PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE** ~ Participating this morning are Rev. JongIn Lee, Pastor; Dr. Russell Wagoner, Director of Music/Organist; and Pat Andrews, Liturgist. We appreciate them sharing their gifts with us as we gather to worship and praise God today!

**FLOWERS** this morning are given by Nell and Kevin Dusenberry with love and in celebration of Coleman's 2nd birthday on May 5.

**BOOK CLUB** ~ For May our meeting will be on Thursday, May 22, at 10:30 am, we will be reading *By Any Other Name* by Jodi Picoult. From the *New York Times* bestselling author comes an inspiring novel about two women, centuries apart—one of whom is the real author of Shakespeare's plays—who are both forced to hide behind another name. Come to Book Club for the always lively discussion on Thursday, May 22.

GARDEN NEWS ~ Please consider donating to the Garden Fund to help purchase plants and supplies for the 2025 growing season. Donations can be made online to the designated Garden Fund or by placing a donation in the offering plate on Sunday specifically marked "Garden." For your convenience, donation envelopes are available in Christian Passageway on the table at the garden door as well as in the narthex.

**BLESSED BARGAINS THRIFT SHOP** ~ Sign-up sheet for volunteers is posted in the sorting room. Please stop by and sign up to help. There is always something that that needs to be done as new items are arriving regularly! Please share posts and stop by with friends to support our beautiful shop!! Any questions, please contact Barbara, Joan, or Diane.

PASTOR: Rev. JongIn Lee
LAY LEADER: Dave Murray

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:** Dr. Russell Wagoner

CHURCH SECRETARY: Donna E. Mulder

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## AN INVITATION

To all who would know God and do God's will;

To all who would live and work to make

Jesus' love alive in the world;

To all who seek comfort and would find rest;

To old and young, rich and poor, saint and sinner,

This church opens wide its doors

And—in the name of Jesus the Christ—

Bids you welcome to this house of the Lord!