

Order of Worship – February 4, 2023

Call to Worship

John White

One: God touches the world, and the world changes.

All: Christ dwells among us, and we are changed.

One: In the brightest of day, in the deepest of night,

All: on mountain, in valley, and everywhere else, God is speaking to us.

One: Let us open our hearts to God's wondrous presence among us.

All: As people transformed in Christ, let us worship the Lord!

†Hymn of Praise “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” Glory to God #394

†*Please rise in body or in spirit* (see insert)

Call to Confession

When we ignore God's call, we may miss the blessings of Christian discipleship that await us and those we are called to serve. Trusting in God's faithfulness, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

One: Jesus came bathed in light, dazzling, radiant...

All: Forgive us, God, for hiding our light, which reflects your love.

One: He came appearing with Elijah and Moses...

All: Forgive us, God, for staying in our comfort zone, rather than extending your grace.

One: He came while a voice was shouting, "this is my Beloved; listen!"

All: Forgive us, God, for ignoring your voice when you call us to action.

(Silent prayers)

Assurance of Grace

One: On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts,

All: God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

One: By God's mercy, we are forgiven.

All: By God's mercy, we are made whole.

One: By God's mercy, we are equipped to love and serve others.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

All: And also, with you!

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.'

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Morning Message

“May it be so”

Beverly Dempsey

Call for the Offering

Mark Poole

Everything we have is a gift from God. How we choose to use those gifts is a statement of faith. May we be generous with what we have been given.

Offering This morning's offering supports St. Augustine Mutual Mission

†Prayer of Dedication

Mark Poole

The Necrology report

Bill Hoff & Patti Phillips

Hymn

“For All the Saints” (verses 1&3)

Glory to God # 326

Commissioning of Team to Cuba Partnership (see insert)

The Lord's Supper

Adam Anderson & Lauren Scott

Communion is by intinction today; gluten-free thimble elements are offered at the table as an alternative to dipping the bread in the common cup. Please come forward as directed by the ushers; please raise your hand if you need elements brought to you.

†Hymn of Sending

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

Glory to God #765
(see insert)

Charge and Benediction

Worship Participants

Liturgist – John White TE, Community

Sermon – Beverly Dempsey, TE, Highlands United

Call for Offering – Mark Poole, RE, Mutual Mission

Celebrants for Communion -Adam Anderson, TE, South Jacksonville, Lauren Scott, TE, Riverside

Offering/Servers – Ann Graham-Johnson, TE, St. Andrews, Larry Graham-Johnson, TE, St. Andrews, Shirly Mergan, CRE, Mikesville, Tommy Lane, CRE, McIntosh

Accompanist – Donna O'Brien, pianist at St. Giles

**some liturgy adapted from Richard Bott and Katherine Hawker,
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/>*

Hymn lyrics are found in the insert.



Winter Meeting, February 4, 2023
Montgomery Camp and Conference Center
Starke, Florida