

MAY 10 2026 ORDER OF WORSHIP

I. PRELUDE: Robin Wohlfeil

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II. WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPENING PRAYER: Nikki Blanks

A. Welcome

B. Announcements

C. Opening Prayer

III. CALL TO WORSHIP: Liturgist

One: Please rise in body or in spirit and join in the call to worship as it appears in your bulletin: Transforming God, you have taken the world's darkness and re-created a world filled with the joy of light and hope.

All: Come and hear the good news of God's love for all creation.

One: Restoring God, you have turned defeat into sudden victory, and re-created a world filled with the joy of peace and shalom.

All: Come and hear the good news of God's awesome powers.

One: Renewing God, we respond to your mighty deeds with songs of praise, worship and thankful prayers. You alone are God!

All: Come and hear the good news of God's blessings on us all. Amen.

One: Now, let us continue to worship, singing hymn #744- Arise! Your Light Is Come!

IV. OPENING SONG: Robin

744- Arise! Your Light Is Come!

V. CONFESSION & ASSURANCE: Liturgist

A. Call to Confession

Please be seated. Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Please join me in the prayer of confession as it appears in your bulletin:

B. Prayer of Confession

O God, you have set before us the path, but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far. Remind us that we are always your children, that we are never fully grown up in your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek you every day, to acknowledge that we need your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with you. Amen.

PAUSE 30-60 SECONDS FOR SILENT CONFESSION

C. Assurance of Pardon

One: This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for you and for all. Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do, whoever you are, whoever you wish you were but

are not: You are accepted, you are welcomed. You are washed clean, you are raised up.

You are forgiven, you are set free. In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

VI. PASSING OF THE PEACE: Liturgist

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

All: And also with you

One: Now, let us share a sign of God's peace with one another

VII. SONG OF PRAISE: Robin

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

VIII. FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Liturgist

A. Prayer for Illumination

Please be seated. Now, as we prepare to hear God's Word, let us pray together: Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

B. Scripture Reading

Our first scripture reading is Psalm 66, verses 8 through 20. Hear God's Word for you:

Bless our God, O peoples,

let the sound of his praise be heard,

who has kept us among the living,

and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us;

you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net;

you laid burdens on our backs;

you let people ride over our heads;

we went through fire and through water;

yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

I will come into your house with burnt-offerings;

I will pay you my vows,

those that my lips uttered

and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings,

with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah

Come and hear, all you who fear God,

and I will tell what he has done for me.

I cried aloud to him,

and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,

the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened;

he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God,

because he has not rejected my prayer

or removed his steadfast love from me.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

IX. SPECIAL MUSIC: Robin

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X. SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Nikki

Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

XI. MESSAGE: Nikki

XII. SONG OF RESPONSE: Robin

729- Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

XIII. GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

A. Call to Bring Our Gifts: Nikki

B. Song of Thanks: Robin

Doxology

C. Prayer of Thanks: Liturgist

Please join me in prayer over our offerings: Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XIV. PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER: Nikki

XV. SENDING SONG: Robin

316- Where Charity and Love Prevail

XVI. CHARGE & BLESSING: Nikki

XVII. POSTLUDE: Robin

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