

#### 2023 MEMORY WORK AND ATTENDANCE AWARDS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMORY WORK AWARDS

THREE-YEAR-OLDS

Samuel Dean Ridge Govan

Leighton Howe

Alice Jones

Rud Lybrand

Mary Louise Shaw

FOUR-YEAR-OLDS

Jack Behm

David Blades

Annie Coyne

Xander Hudson

Gus Muzio

Jones Thompson

Collins Trammell

KINDERGARTEN

Ramsey Govan

Piper Ostberg

FIRST GRADE

Sarah Ann Carroll

William Coyne

Ann Caroline Johnson

Logan McLendon

Caroline Spooner

Rachel Taylor

Mitchell Thomas

Allie Thompson

SECOND GRADE

Caroline Blades

Abby Kate Carroll

Wilda Muzio

Pete Thompson

**Emerson Trammell** 

THIRD GRADE

Bo Johnson

Timothy Taylor

Sophia Wales

FOURTH GRADE

Brooks Carroll Henry Coyne

Emory Govan

FIFTH GRADE

Phillip Thomas

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

ONE YEAR

Leighton Howe

# **MORNING WORSHIP**

#### THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Nothing makes God more supreme and more central in worship than when a people are utterly persuaded that nothing — not money or prestige or leisure or family or job or health or sports or toys or friends — nothing is going to bring satisfaction to their sinful, guilty, aching hearts besides God.

#### JOHN PIPER IN DESIRING GOD



### APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation – 9:55 a.m. Rev. Michael Howell

Assistant Minister

The Prelude Aria, from Sonata, Op. 51 Flor Peeters

Overture, from Sonata in D. HWV 341 G. F. Handel

Overture, from Sonata in D, HWV 341 Jane Kaye, pianist; Michael Huff, trumpet

The Announcements Rev. Kurt Cooper

Assistant Minister

The Striking of the Hour

The Choral Introit Gordon Young

Rejoice, the Lord is King; your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, Rejoice!

<sup>†</sup> Indicates the congregation standing

<sup>•</sup> Indicates seating for those detained

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 99:1-3 (congregation reads bold type)

The Lord reigns;

Let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;

Let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion;

He is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise Your great and awesome name!

Holy is He!

• † The Hymn No. 32 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

† The Confession of Faith – inside cover of *The Hymnal* 

The Apostles' Creed

- † The Prayer of Invocation
- † The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

• † The Doxology - No. 650 in The Hymnal

OLD HUNDREDTH

# SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – Hebrews 7:25

Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Adapted from the Book of Common Worship, 1946

Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon You, hear us as we come to You, humbly confessing our sins, asking for Your mercy and forgiveness.

We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts.

We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and our neighbor.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and in Your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon - Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

The Pastoral Prayer

• † The Hymn No. 383

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

The Offering

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. — 2 Corinthians 9:7

### HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst, arr. Mays

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift You send, at blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word, we honor and adore You, Our great and mighty Lord.
Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know Your favor may serve You as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

The Prayer for Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word

Rev. Howell

If you are visiting today and do not own a copy of the Scriptures, please take one from the table in the narthex as our gift.

Psalm 145:10-13 Revelation 4:1-11 pew Bible, page 666 pew Bible, page 1313

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.

The Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church. They may be picked up in Room E-100 (Pre-K4) and Room E-105 (Kindergarten) after the service.

The Sermon

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Howell

IX. The Throne in Heaven *An outline may be found on page 6.* 

## FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 94 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

- † The Benediction of God's Grace
- † The Threefold Amen No. 657 in *The Hymnal*

The Organ Interlude

The Congregational Meeting – for the purpose of approving the process to be followed in the establishment of a Pastor Search Committee.

The Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.
Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.
Psalm 81:1-3



The Vanctuary Flowers

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Jeanne Riley

BY HER DAUGHTERS.

# **SERMON NOTES**

# "The Throne in Heaven." • Revelation 4:1-11

1. The Setting of the Vision (verse 1)
2. The Central Throne and the One Upon It (verses 2-6)
3. The Central Throne and Those Around It (verses 7-11)
The Four Living Coestumes (verges 7.9)
a. The Four Living Creatures (verses 7-8)
b. The Twenty-four Elders (verses 9-11)

all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

