# Six Mile Run Reformed Church Order of Worship

February 2, 2025, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

## God Calls Us to Worship

Stilling Silence and Prayer of Adoration

## \*Call to Worship

Take refuge in the Lord, and you will never be put to shame!

In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline Your ear to me and save me.

The Almighty is a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save!

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and the cruel.

Oh people of the covenant, let the Lord be your hope and your trust!

From my birth I have leaned upon You, my Protector since my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of You, my Lord and my God!

\*Opening Hymn: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" RED #44

#### **Call to Remember and Confess**

#### **Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

Lord of our life, we confess: *Doubt* moves in and props its feet on the coffee table of our soul, warming them in front of the fireplace of our unbelief; while *faith* rents space for a few days in the summers of our life. *Despair* is the pilly, soft blanket that fits comfortably on our shoulders; while *hope* is a hair shirt we resist wearing. *Impatience* is the steaming stimulant we pour in our thermos as we walk out the door; while *love* is the living water which we constantly are missing in our regular dehydration. Forgive us, Father, as we know You already have in Christ. And by Your Holy Spirit, empower us to do better. Amen.

#### **Personal Silent Confession**

#### **Words of Reassurance**

\*Gloria: "Glory Be to the Father" RED #961 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

#### \*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn of Peace: "Song of Hope"

RED #942

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on your way, bringing light and hope to every land and race..

# God Speaks to Us

Let us prepare for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of the Holy Scriptures. **Speak Lord, for Your servants are listening.** 

# Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NRSVUE)

1 If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**8** Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. **9** For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, **10** but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. **11** When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. **12** For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. **13** And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

\*Hymn of Meditation: "Order My Steps" RED #758

#### **God Sends Us Out**

**Call to Self-Offering:** Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

\*Doxology: "Praise God, From Whom All Blessing Flow"

RED #964

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below,

Praise Gou, all creatures here below,

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

#### **Prayers of the People**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn: "Glory, Glory Hallelujah" RED #710

## \*Benediction