

## STATEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

### *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

### Please be seated

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### MESSAGE SONG "O God of Mercy, God of Light"

1. O God of mercy, God of light,  
In love and mercy infinite,  
Teach us, as ever in Your sight,  
To live our lives in Your.
2. You sent Your Son to die for all  
That our lost world might hear Your call;  
Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!  
We rest our hope in You.
3. Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:  
To feel for those His blood has bought,  
That ev'ry deed and word and thought  
May work a work for You.
4. For all are kindred, far and wide,  
Since Jesus Christ for all has died.  
Grant us the will and grace provide  
To love them all in You.
5. In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
Each other's burdens help us share;  
May we, where help is needed, there  
Give help us though to You.
6. And may Your Holy Spirit move  
All those who live to live in love  
Till You receive in heav'n above  
Those who have lived to You.

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## MESSAGE OF THE DAY

### "THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS"

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## MEMORY VERSE

"For freedom Christ has set us free;  
stand firm therefore, and do not submit again  
to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1)

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING SONG "A Time to Serve"

- 1 Jesus hears His children crying,  
Sees them hungry, lost, and dying;  
Who will comfort all their sorrows?  
Who will brighten their tomorrows.
- 2 Jesus pleads with us to reach them  
With our gifts of love, and teach them  
That the kindness we are giving  
Is the Christian's way of living.
3. Young and old alike He's calling,  
Human grief is so appalling;  
Since He gave His life to save us,  
Let us share the lives He gave us.
- 4 When we join our Savior's service,  
He will strengthen and preserve us:  
He will guide our daily living,  
And He'll bless the love we're giving.
5. When we aid the poor and lonely,  
We're not caring for them only;  
When our love some suffering eases,  
We have done the same for Jesus.
- 6 Rise and follow! He will lead us;  
Heed the cries of those who need us!  
And when life has ended for us,  
Heaven's glories lie before us.

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L. Go in God's peace; love and serve your neighbor!

**C. Thanks be to God!**

## THE CONNECTION

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"CONNECT...  
GROW...  
GO..."



## MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE / TITHES & OFFERING

- L. Let us now say together our memory verse.  
C. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

## WORSHIP SONG

### "Come, Follow Me,' Said Christ the Lord"

1. "Come, follow me," said Christ, the Lord,  
"All in my way abiding;  
Your selfishness throw overboard,  
Obey My call and guiding.  
Oh, bear Your crosses, and confide  
In My example as your guide.
2. "I am the light; I light the way,  
A godly life displaying;  
I help you walk as in the day;  
I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show  
How you should journey here below.
3. "My heart is rich in lowliness;  
My soul with love is glowing;  
My lips the words of grace express,  
Their tones all gently flowing.  
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all  
To God I yield; on Him I call.
4. "I teach you how to shun and flee  
What harms your soul's salvation;  
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,  
From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul  
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

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5. Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His word,  
In suffering be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain  
The crown of heavenly life obtain.

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## OPENING IN THE NAME OF THE TRINITY

L. We begin our service in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L. Let us come before God as sinful people in need  
of His love and mercy:

**C. Lord, we come before You in prayer today,  
asking for forgiveness. We have not loved as we  
ought to love, we have not given as we ought to  
give, and we have fallen short of the mark of truly  
being Your obedient sons and daughters. We see  
our sin and remember our shortcomings in  
love and life. For Jesus' sake, forgive our sins.**

L. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given  
to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our  
sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives  
the power to become the children of God and be-  
stows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has  
begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in  
the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIRST READING *1 Kings 19:9b-21*

<sup>9:b</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he  
said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He said,  
"I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts.  
For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant,  
thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the  
sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to  
take it away." <sup>11</sup>And he said, "Go out and stand on the  
mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by,  
and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke  
in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not

in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD  
was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake a fire,  
but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of  
a low whisper. <sup>13</sup>And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face  
in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the  
cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What  
are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He said, "I have been very jeal-  
ous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel  
have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and  
killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left,  
and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to  
him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.  
And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over  
Syria. <sup>16</sup>And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king  
over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah  
you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>And the one  
who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to  
death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall  
Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel,  
all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth  
that has not kissed him."

<sup>19</sup>So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of  
Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of  
him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast  
his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup>And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah  
and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will  
follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have  
I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>And he returned from following him and took  
the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with  
the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate.  
Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING *Galatians 5:1, 13-25*

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore,  
and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use  
your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love  
serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word:  
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and  
devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by  
one another. <sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not  
gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the desires of the flesh

are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are  
against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to  
keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if  
you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now  
the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, im-  
purity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jeal-  
ousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup>envy,  
drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as  
I warned you before, that those who do such things will  
not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit  
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithful-  
ness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there  
is no law. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have  
crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

***(Please stand)***

### GOSPEL READING *Luke 9:51-62*

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up,  
he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messen-  
gers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the  
Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup>But the peo-  
ple did not receive him, because his face was set toward  
Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>And when his disciples James and John saw  
it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come  
down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned  
and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>And they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to  
him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said  
to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests,  
but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To an-  
other he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first  
go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Leave  
the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and  
proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Yet another said,  
"I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those  
at my home."

<sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the  
plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

L. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**