

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 8-23-2020

- **Call to Worship** – Psalm 32: 11
- **Song of praise – You Are My Hiding Place**¹
You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you. I will trust in you.
Let the weak say, “I am strong in the strength of the Lord.”

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Let the weak say, “I am strong in the strength of the Lord, I will trust in you.”
- **God greets his people**
- **Prayer of Confession**
- **Assurance of Pardon** – Ephesians 2: 4-10
- **God’s Law** – Litany: The Ten Commandments²

You shall have no other gods before me.
**For from him and through him
and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever!**

You shall not make for yourself an idol.
**In Christ we have redemption,
the forgiveness of sins.
He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.**

You shall not misuse the name
of the Lord your God,
for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless
who misuses his name.
**Let us continually offer to God
a sacrifice of praise—
the fruit of lips that confess his name.**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
but the seventh day is a Sabbath
to the Lord your God.
**Let the Word of Christ
dwell in you richly**

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² LUYH #722 - Text: Responsive Reading of the Law from the Epistles, Psalter Hymnal 1987; Deuteronomy 5:6-21, Exodus 20:1-17

**as you teach and admonish
one another with all wisdom,
and as you sing psalms, hymns,
and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.**

Honor your father and your mother,
so that you may live long in the land
the Lord your God is giving you.
**Children, obey your parents
in everything,
for this pleases the Lord.**

You shall not murder.
**Be kind and compassionate
to one another,
forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you.**

You shall not commit adultery.
**You are not your own;
you were bought at a price.
Therefore honor God
with your body.**

You shall not steal.
**Those who have been stealing
must steal no longer,
but must work,
doing something useful with their hands,
so that they may have something
to share with those in need.**

You shall not give false testimony
against your neighbor.
**Instead, speaking the truth in love,
we will in all things grow up into him
who is the Head, that is, Christ.**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house
or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
**I have learned to be content whatever
the circumstances.**

- **Pastoral Prayer**
- **Sermon**
Sermon Text: Esther 9: 1-17
Sermon Title: "The Tables are Turned"
Sermon Series: *Who's In Charge?*

- **Song of Response – O Lord, Be Our Refuge³**

Verse 1

O Lord, be our refuge, when evils assail;
your justice is sure, and your strength will prevail.
Yet wicked ones rise, and the good are laid low.
Your mercy reveal and your righteousness show.

Verse 2

O God, send your fire; come to judge humankind;
our evil consume and our virtue refine.
The crowns of oppression will fall to the dust,
and saints will delight in the reign of the just.

Verse 3

How firm a foundation we find in God's Word!
We fashion our lives in the way of the Lord.
When all else gives way, God's salvation remains;
and even in death, God's great glory sustains.

- **Benediction**

- **Doxology – Now Blessed Be the Lord our God⁴**

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
for he alone does wondrous work: his glorious deeds excel;
for he alone does wondrous works; his glorious deeds excel.

And blessed be his glorious name through all eternity;
the whole earth let his glory fill: Amen! so shall it be;
the whole earth let his glory fill: Amen! so shall it be.

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