

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 9-06-2020

- **Call to Worship** – Psalm 146: 1-2, 10

- **Song of praise – We Praise You, O God¹**

Verse 1

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praise we sing.

Verse 2

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'er-take us, you never forsake us.
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

Verse 3

With voices united our praises we offer; our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise.

- **God greets his people**

- **Apostle's Creed**

- **Prayer of Confession²**

God, be merciful to me; on your grace I rest my plea.
My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.
In your presence let me stay; by your Spirit show the way.
Your salvations' joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

So shall sinners be restored be restored and return to you, their Lord;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing your love;
touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

- **Assurance of Pardon** – Philippians 3: 7-11

- **God's Law** – Philippians 2: 1-5

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- **Pastoral Prayer**

- **Sermon**

Sermon Text: Acts 16: 11-40

Sermon Title: “The City of Changed Lives”

Sermon Series: *Philippians*

- **Song of Response – Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine³**

Verse 1

Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Chorus

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Verse 3

Perfect submission: all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

- **Benediction**

- **Doxology – *God, the Father of Your People*⁴**

God, the Father of your people, you have called us to be one;
grant us grace to walk together in the joy of Christ, your Son.
Challenged by your Word and Spirit, blest with gifts from heaven above,
as one body we will serve you and bear witness to your love.

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father’s boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit’s favor, rest upon us from above.

May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord,
and possess, in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford.

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