



# Call To Worship

Leader: The joy of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ is with us.

**People:** We rejoice in the blessing God has poured into our lives.

Leader: Even though we hear words of doubt, we are called to believe.

**People:** Even though the world would draw us back again into darkness, we focus on the Light.

Leader: Thanks be to Christ who gives us the victory.

**All:** Alleluia! Amen!

# Affirmation Of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day, He rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Offertory Prayer

O God, You have blessed us. We find it hard to name and explain Your blessings so that they will make sense to others. Yet they are real. We are grateful . . . for friends, for faith, for freedom. Now, we offer these gifts in thankfulness and in joy. We are giving money and rejoicing about it. We can't explain it, even to ourselves, as we offer these gifts. We rejoice because we offer this money to be used for good in this world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen!

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# Order Of Worship

*† Please Stand As You Are Able*

- †* Lighting Of Candles Acolytes
- †* Prayer of Invocation
- Congregational Hymn
- †* Call To Worship
- †* Affirmation of Faith Congregation
- Announcements
- Welcome Of Guests/Passing Of The Peace
- Praise And Worship Mass Choir
- Altar Call
- Scripture Reading - Psalm 61
- †* Offertory Prayer
- †* Offertory Response (UMH 588) "All Things Come Of Thee"
- Ministry of Music Choir
- Sermon Rev. Roy Weeks
- †* Invitation To Discipleship
- Extinguishing Of The Candles Acolytes
- Benediction Rev. Roy Weeks

## To Whom Do You Answer; God Or Man?

*<sup>13</sup>Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, <sup>14</sup>and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? <sup>15</sup>Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand? <sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. <sup>17</sup>If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and He will us from Your Majesty's hand. <sup>18</sup>But even if He does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." <sup>19</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual <sup>20</sup>and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace.*

*Daniel 3:13-20  
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