

Community Worship Service

Calamus Park

August 24, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Pastor Leah Holloway-Nilsen

Pastor Tessa Cavey

God Is Revealed as We Gather

Our Week of Witness, Work, and Celebration

Prelude

Call to Worship

P: Lord, we gather this morning as a joint community.

All: To worship as Christians and neighbors.

P: We ask that you open our hearts to each other as freely as we open our hearts to you.

All: May this service be filled with the love that Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior has taught us!

Hymn of Praise- “Jesus Loves Me”

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin. God our strength,

All: We confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite.

Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God. Therefore, we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

All: Amen.

God Is Revealed in the Word

Reading of Scripture

P: The First reading is from **Isaiah 58:9b-14**

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: We will read **Psalm 103:1-8** together.

P: The second reading is from **Hebrews 12:18-29**

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Luke 13:10-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection of the Word – Pastor Tessa Cavey

Confessions of Faith:

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All: 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 power of 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

We Respond to God's Presence

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer, and Response.

P: Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. We ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters, and brothers in Christ. We thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all we do. In Jesus' we pray. Amen.

P: Please join in saying the prayer that Jesus has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

Gathering of our Gifts, Doxology

Call for Offering

P: We are grateful for the gifts that we receive in our lives. We invite you to participate in this opportunity of generosity to continue the mission of God's Love to the world. **Collection this year will go to the "Local Food-related Ministries."**

Offertory Prayer

P: O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. **Amen.**

We Go Forth to Love and Serve God

Commissioning Hymn: "America"

Benediction and Hymn of Parting

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.