



**Christ Church of Arlington
Order for the Worship of God
July 25, 2021**

God Calls Us by His Grace

* Call to Worship

Psalm 126

Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,

ALL: “The LORD has done great things for them.”

Leader: The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

ALL: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!

Leader: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

**ALL: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with
shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

* Prayer of Invocation

* Song of Praise

Psalm 126

God Restores Us by His Grace

Confession of Sin

**ALL: God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above
you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for
causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted
our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have
participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful
in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that
which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others’ intentions. Forgive us,
O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live
together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession of Sin

* *Please stand (if possible)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-12

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

God Hears Us by His Grace

Confession of Faith

From The 2nd Helvetic Confession, ch. 29

ALL: Marriage was instituted by the Lord God himself, who blessed it most bountifully, and willed man and woman to cleave one to the other inseparably, and to live together in complete love and concord.

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Reflection

Psalm 103

Congregational Prayer

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

God Speaks to Us by His Grace

Scripture Reading

Malachi 2:10-16

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

ALL: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon

Marriage: What's the Big Deal?

Pastor Billy Boyce

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* Song of Response

Jesus, with Thy Church Abide

* Doxology

* Benediction