

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Thursday, September 12, 1996
11:00 a.m.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

Genevan Psalter

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou are the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in every place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
And all our substance and our strength receive;
Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,
And give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness:
O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,
That we may dwell in perfect unity

Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
Thank in Thy strength we evermore endure.
(Attributed to John Calvin. Reprinted with permission.)

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed, and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Romans 13:8-14
Exodus 12.1-20

Sermon

Ann I. Hoch

*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

*Offertory Hymn: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Number 95

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Distribution

Hymn: "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"

Number 623

Prayer

*Benediction

Postlude

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The service today is adapted from the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship*. In the Presbyterian Church, Holy Communion is authorized by the church through its various judicatories, and a minister may perform the sacraments only under the auspices of the Session of a local church or the Presbytery. Ann Hoch is a member of New Hope Presbytery. The students and staff assisting in the distribution of the elements are either ordained ruling elders or ordained ministers in the Presbyterian Church USA.

Dr David Arcus is the organist.