

## WORSHIPING ON THE LORD'S DAY

August 13, 2023

*Worship, as God intended, is a supernatural event. As we enter into this service of worship, we cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy. Prepare yourself therefore for this most holy convocation!*

---

---

Prelude

Worship Theme

Christ is our Shepherd

Matthew 2:3-6: "And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he *began* to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born. And they said to him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet, "And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; for out of you shall come forth a Ruler, who will shepherd My people Israel.'"

**God Calls us to Worship Before the Cross**      Is. 40:9-11

+We Adore Him

Insert, "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Psalms 23

We Confess Our Sin

Great God of heaven and earth, whose ways and thoughts are infinitely higher than those of sinful men, forgive us our shallow thoughts of You. Such thoughts have led us not to worship You, love You, nor serve You as You deserve. You are the Great Shepherd! You would gather us in Your arms to be led by You; yet like Adam and Eve before us, we run to escape Your penetrating eyes, and we endeavor to clothe ourselves in the futility of self-effort.

God of glory, forgive us for our rebellion. Be now to us again our God of grace, our Lord, our Savior, and our Shepherd. We humbly ask for forgiveness and cleansing. In the name of the glorified Jesus, Amen!

We Thank Him For His Forgiveness

Insert, "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

**God Calls us to Worship Thru Dedication**      Heb. 13:20-21

We Give Him Our Offering & Concerns

We Give Him Ourselves

Insert, "He Will Hold Me Fast"

**God Calls us to Worship Thru Fellowship**      1 Thes. 4:18

We Read His Word

Sermon

\*We Partake Of The Lord's Supper

Insert, "Christ Shall Have Dominion"

Ps. 72:8-14, 17-19

**God Blesses us in the Benediction**

Welcome and Announcements

Postlude

(Containers have been placed at the front for communion cups and small trash)

+You are invited to raise your hands during the prayer of adoration.

\*Visitors, please see note below on the Lord's Supper.