



### CALL TO CONFESSION

As we will hear shortly in the scripture reading, God's love has destined us not for wrath, but rather for salvation. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who is eager to save.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Loving God, we confess all that separates us from you and one another. How often we fail to honor and respect each other, focused more on our need to be right than on listening with love.**

**The good news reminds us that when we are aware of our sin and place it before you, it is your love that shines the light of grace on our failures. As we stand in awe of your constant love for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, when we acknowledge our human limitations and turn to depend upon our everlasting God, we grow wiser; we grow in love. Hear the good news: You are freed to love one another, for your sins are forgiven by the mercy of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

### SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

In giving to others, we grow closer to God. Let us offer our life and labor to the One who draws near to us and freely gives the treasure of eternal life in Christ.

*Offering Plate is in the Narthex, or may give online through our website, [cazpres.org](http://cazpres.org).*

### DOXOLOGY

No. 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God of constant love, you are our home and dwelling place forever. Thank you for giving your people a gift beyond all measure, the treasure of eternal life. Bless our gifts that we offer you this day.

With them may we share your love with others, that all may enter into your eternal joy. Amen.

### \*HYMN

"Lor of All Good"

No. 375

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You;  
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill;  
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew.

2 We give our minds to understand your ways,  
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great design,  
Heart with the flame of Your own love ablaze,  
Till for Your glory all our powers combine.

3 Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows;  
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts this day, that we may be illumined by your living Word and walk together as children of light. Amen.

**NEW TESTAMENT:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**5** Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> you do not need to have anything written to you. **2** For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! **4** But you, beloved,<sup>[a]</sup> are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; **5** for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. **6** So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; **7** for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Psalm 90:1-12

**1** Lord, you have been our dwelling place<sup>[a]</sup> in all generations.  
**2** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.  
**3** You turn us<sup>[a]</sup> back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."  
**4** For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.  
**5** You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;  
**6** in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.  
**7** For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.  
**8** You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.  
**9** For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end<sup>[a]</sup> like a sigh.  
**10** The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span<sup>[a]</sup> is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.  
**11** Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.  
**12** So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

**SERMON**

"A Wise Heart"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

