

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

( \* = please stand )

Prelude

*"On the Glory Of Your Presence"*

*Choir*

Opening Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Michael Burke*

Call to Worship

One: We are not our own:

**All: so, neither our will nor our wisdom should get in the way of God's hopes for us.**

One: We are not on our own:

**All: so, we should not choose what is easiest or the most gratifying way to live.**

One: We are not our own, we are God's:

**All: so, let us choose to live for God, and serve all of God's children.**

One: We are not on our own, as we walk the streets of God's kingdom:

**All: so, as far as is possible, we will forget ourselves and follow Jesus Christ.**

\*Opening Hymn, Celeb Hymn, 235 *"Take the Name Of Jesus With You"*

*Congregation*

Scripture

*Psalms 124, pg. 441*

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Hymn, 746

*"He Keeps Me Singing"*

*Congregation*

Prayer of Confession

One: We all make mistakes, many of them. We hurt ourselves, we hurt others, we hurt God with our words and deeds, with our silence and inaction. Let us confess to God our sins, trusting in the One who blesses us with mercy.

**All: Spring of Wisdom, we confess that we have not denied ourselves and followed. We turn our backs on your outstretched hands of grace, and stumble into the arms of the world. We speak poisonous gossip about**

others, rather than tell of their glory as your child. We fire off words that find no rest until they pierce another's heart.

**(Time of the Silence)**

**Forgive us, Rock and Redeemer. Give us speech which flows like cool water through another's parched spirit; give us silence with which to witness your wonders; give us words to proclaim Jesus is the Christ, our Lord and our Savior, the One who leads us to life.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

One: With gentleness, God speaks to us; with graciousness, God forgives us; with joy, God embraces us.

**All: With our lips, we praise God; with our words, we thank God; with our silence, we find God in our hearts. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #577

*Congregation*

***Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen.***

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

*(Please pass signs of peace and forgiveness with those seated around you)*

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

The Lord's Prayer, (Inside cover Red Book)

*Congregation*

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

Scripture

*1 Kings 18:21 pg. 254*

Anthem

*"Wonderful Peace"*

*Choir*

**Sermon      “ Decisions”**

Text: If the Lord s God, follow him,

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*The Apostles’ Creed** (*Inside cover Red Book*)

*Congregation*

Prayer

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

Call to Offering

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

Offertory

*“I Asked the Lord”*

*Daniel Wolfe*

\*Doxology

*Congregation*

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*Charge and Blessing

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

We leave now in order to follow God into the world.

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

***All: We will go to bring the healing and peace of Jesus to all.***

\*Sung Benediction (*Please face the center*)

*Congregation*

**All: May the Lord, Mighty Lord bless and keep you forever.**

**Grant you peace, perfect peace, and courage in every endeavor.**

**Lift your eyes and see His face, see His grace forever.**

**May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.**

***Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church***  
**September 29, 2024 9:15 am**



**Our Vision: Transforming lives by the love of Christ Jesus through witness, mission, and evangelism.**

**Our Mission: To be a place where the community can come together in Christ and provide, through God and his Word, love, comfort and joy to all.**