

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?

Psalms 24:3

He who has clean hands and a pure heart.

(kneeling) O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you. I justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for my sins, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may genuinely amend my sinful life and earnestly persevere in doing your will. Lord, be gracious to me, for Jesus sake I pray. *Silent Prayer.* Amen!

†Assurance of God's Grace and Forgiveness

The Ascension Offering

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†Truly it is proper, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to you O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing . . .

†Hymn #219 "Blessing and honor and glory and power"

†The Gospel Reading: *John 13:1-20*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is

worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

The Epistle Reading: *Galatians 5:7 – 6:2* & Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: **FLESH & SPIRIT**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn of Response: #53 (*Psalms 146*)

"Hallelujah, praise Jehovah!"

†A Bidding Prayer for the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

Congregation: **Save and defend your Church universal, purchased with the precious Blood of Christ. Give her pastors and ministers according to your Spirit, and strengthen her through the Word and the sacraments. Make her perfect in love and in good works, and establish her in the faith once delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the God and Father of all. Amen!**

Pastor: Let us pray for our own Missouri Presbytery:

Send now your blessing upon the Presbytery of Missouri assembled in your Name, Lord Jesus. Grant unto your servants the Spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind, that we may be wise in counsel and diligent in service, faithful stewards of the things belonging to your kingdom, and worthy successors of the Apostles whom our Lord sent forth to testify of him. Direct and govern us by your Holy Spirit, preserving us from hasty judgment and vain dispute, inspiring us with genuine love and sacrificial service for one another, and guiding us both to devise and to do only those things which shall be for the glory of Christ's Name, for the welfare of his Church, for the peace of believers, for the spread of the Gospel, and for the good of the whole world. Amen!

Pastor: Let us pray for the missionaries supported by our churches:

Send forth your light and your truth into all the earth, O Lord. Raise up, we pray, faithful servants of Christ to labor in the Gospel at home and in distant lands. Grant strength and perseverance to all of our missionaries. Grant that they may rejoice in a rich harvest of souls for your kingdom. Support them in times of trial and weakness, and make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord. Bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit on all flesh, and hasten the coming of the fullness of the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Pastor: Let us pray for all those in authority that we may live quiet and

peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty:

O merciful Father in heaven, because you hold in your hand all the might of man and because you have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray that you would graciously regard your servants, especially the President and the Congress of the United States, the Governor of Missouri, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, that all who receive the sword as your ministers may bear it according to your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

Pastor: Let us pray for those among us who are in any way afflicted, oppressed, or troubled in body or soul:

God of mercies, we pray that you would comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy upon those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all your people grant a message of your love, taking them into your tender care. Amen!

†The *Gloria Patri*

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Bread & Communion in the Body of Christ
Communion Hymn #596 (sts. 1-3) "Jesus lives, and so shall I"
Thanksgiving for & Distribution of the Cup (sts. 4-5 of #596)

Pastoral Benediction

The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

The Benediction & Dismissal

†Closing Hymn "Rise again, ye lion hearted" (see insert)

†Benediction: 2 *Corinthians* 13:14

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

Join us Downstairs for Dinner and Table Fellowship

*How good and pleasant it is when brothers
dwell together in unity — Psalm 133:1*

COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

The Service of Missouri Presbytery

Tuesday, January 21, 2003

Preparation For Worship: *Psalms* 103

*Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation & Prayer

Call to Worship: *Psalms* 103:1-5, 13

†Hymn "I will sing my Maker's praises"

†Salutation & Responsive Scriptures

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: Amen!

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

Whose hope is in Yahweh his God.

Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

He keeps faith forever!

†Pastor: Let us pray to this Lord:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your glorious Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

The Purification Offering

†The Lord Calls us to Confess Our Sins

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

Who made heaven and earth!

Psalms 124:8

*When the prelude begins, please be seated and silently prepare for worship

†Congregation stands