

## Announcements

*Sunday school* (for all ages) – Begins after service.

### **Wednesday – 7 am at the church building:**

*Man2Man* – Men will discuss Spiritual Depression.

### **Saturday – 9 am at the church building:**

Men will discuss R.C. Sproul's Everyone's a Theologian.

Women will discuss The Man in the Leather Hat.

Hopeline Pregnancy Center – Diaper Drive coming soon!

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Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

\*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

Now Unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty (#45)

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator (#97)

\*Confession of Faith – The Nicene Creed (pg. 846)

\*Old Testament Scripture – Psalm 71:17-21 (pg. 484)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

\*Worship through giving back to God

The Spirit Breathes upon the Word (#145)

Sermon – Against All Odds

John 6:60 – 71 (pg. 892)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Music for Meditation

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (#257)

\*Closing Song – Revive Thy Work, O Lord (#370)

\*Doxology (#731)

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if able.

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. We confess today that we often live as slaves.

Instead of living as if you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Regarding the Lord's Supper

*All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and are members in good standing in any evangelical church are welcome to partake of the Lord's Supper with us.*

*We use wine in the Lord's Supper believing it to be the Biblical element Jesus used when He instituted this sacrament. Wine is in the red cups. Grape juice is in the clear cups for those who prefer it. The bread is gluten - free.*

## Food for Thought

*"So long as Christ's followers could not understand him, they stayed around and asked questions. It was when they did understand him that they went elsewhere. They left because what they heard was so contrary to their own views that they would not accept it."*

*— James M. Boice, Commentary on John*