

Order of Service – May 9, 2021

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship: Psalm 98 (NKJV pg. 418)

Invocation

* Psalm: 98A

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 127 (NKJV pg. 433)

New Testament Reading: Romans 12 (NKJV pg. 792)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Title & Text: *Birth Wars* – Genesis 29:31-30:24 (NKJV pg. 20)

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

* Psalm 25C

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

* Doxology - Psalm 84B

* Pastoral Blessing

* = **PLEASE STAND IF ABLE**

(Page numbers for Scripture readings are: New King James (NKJV) or English Standard Version (ESV) pew Bibles)

➤ This Lord's Day we celebrate the Lord's Supper. If you have not yet been interviewed by Session to take the Lord's Supper or are bringing someone with you who has not been interviewed by the Session, please come early (9:30 am) to meet with the Session.

➤ Our precenter this week is Greg Moberg, and the presiding elder is Bill Pihl – next week's precenter will be Jake Goerner, and the presiding elder will be Bill Pihl.

➤ We will continue to provide the Zoom link each week for those not comfortable being together inside the church building because of the risk of catching or transmitting COVID-19.

➤ **Evening Fellowship** will be tonight at 6:30 pm at the church building or by Zoom – we will be looking at the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 2, Paragraph 2.3. There will also be a time for prayer and singing Psalms.

➤ **Midweek Bible Study** is this Wednesday, May 12, at 7:00 pm at the Moberg home (186 Ashbourne Rd, Rochester - off Winton Rd. 5 streets north of 12 corners in Brighton) or by Zoom. We will be looking at Philippians 1: 12-30. Everyone is invited to join in this study which will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at the Moberg's. *(Elder Moberg will send out the Zoom link.)*

➤ **RP Global Missions Prayer Request** – Please rejoice with our Global Missions Board in the recent establishment of two mission churches in one of the countries in South Asia, as well as the formation of our first fully organized congregation there. Behind and around these 'structural' developments are a growing network of personal relationships leading to the spiritual and doctrinal growth of key leaders. During the recent Global Missions Board field trip four elders and one deacon were ordained, and two "temporary governing bodies" were established for the oversight of the two mission churches. Pray that these "elders-in-training" will learn both from the Scriptures and mentors about the rigors and rewards of shepherding the flock of Christ entrusted to their care. Often house fellowships grow very naturally out of extended family groups living close together. Pray that these "proto-churches" would learn the importance of carefully studying God's Word together, of clearly confessing their faith in Jesus Christ, and of worshiping the Triune God according to the commands of Holy Scripture. Please pray for health and strength for the local pastor as he labors in itinerant ministry in this South Asian country. Pray that the young people in this South Asian country who call themselves Christians would be truly converted and be stirred up as sincere and faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Pray that they would be willing to stand alone and to speak winsomely and boldly of the Gospel of Jesus. Pray for the thorough training and multiplication of ruling elders across this country. Pray that a plurality of elders in the congregations would lead to stable churches able to effectively shepherd the flock of Christ.