

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”  
2 Peter 3:18*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

#### **†CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 146:1-10

#### **†PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

#### **†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

### **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **SILENT CONFESSION**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Romans 10:9-11 “if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “For the Scripture says, ‘Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.’”

#### **†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG**

All Glory Be To Christ

#### **†CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed , Elder John Tittle

### **WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Elder Brian Riedel

### **WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD**

“Descent Into Darkness” from 2 Samuel 13:1-39 by Rev. John Downs

### **WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD’S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

#### **†SONG OF RESPONSE**

Behold Our God

#### **†BENEDICTION**

#### **†DOXOLOGY**

+ Congregation standing, as you are able.

# Sermon Notes

**Title:** “Descent Into Darkness” by Rev. John Downs

**Text:** 2 Samuel 13:1-39

I. Wisdom Perverted v. 1-10

II. Love Perverted v. 11-19

III. Justice Perverted v. 20-39

*Application – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).*

Our responsibility, by God’s grace and power, is to consistently apply the truths of God’s Word that we have heard to our lives (Phil. 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on the sermon and this passage of Scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a principle to follow?