

*“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 102:12-22

#### **†PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

#### **†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG**

Be Thou My Vision  
O Word of God Incarnate

### **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Blessed Jesus, you offered us all your blessings when you announced Blessed are the poor in spirit, but we have been rich in pride. Blessed are those who mourn, but we have not known much sorrow for our sin. Blessed are the meek, but we are a stiff-necked people. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, but we are filled to the full with other things. Blessed are the merciful, but we are harsh and impatient. Blessed are the pure in heart, but we have impure hearts. Blessed are the peacemakers, but we have not sought reconciliation. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, but our lives do not challenge the world. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me, but we have hardly made it known that we are yours. Your Law is holy and your blessings are perfect, but they are both too great for us. You alone are blessed. We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.

### **SILENT CONFESSION**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hebrews 2:17 “Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”

#### **†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG**

The Church’s One Foundation

#### **†CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Westminster Shorter Catechism #21 and #22, Elder Ed Baker

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

Behold Our God

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Elder Brian Riedel

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

“The Fellowship of Faith” 1 John 1:1-4 by Rev. John Downs

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

#### **†SONG OF RESPONSE**

Psalm 23

#### **†BENEDICTION**

#### **†DOXOLOGY**

+ Congregation standing, as you are able.

# Sermon Notes

**Title:** “The Fellowship of Faith” by Rev. John Downs

**Text:** 1 John 1:1-4

**Jesus came in the flesh so that we might have fellowship with God and his people.**

I. The source of fellowship v. 1-2

II. The sequence of fellowship v. 3-4

*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?