

# MORNING WORSHIP

MAY 5, 2024 — 9:25 AM

\* Please Stand If Able

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Call to Worship

Psalm 117:1-2

### Worship in Praise

\* Hymn "Praise the Lord! My Soul, O Praise Him!" (see insert)

\* Prayer of Adoration & The Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn "Blessed Be Your Name"

### Worship in Prayer

Call to Confession Matthew 5:20, 48

Prayer of Confession

**My Savior, help me. I am slow to learn and prone to forget; I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my stained conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. I am blind while the light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust my heart of unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study you, to sit like Mary at your feet, appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things but loss. I believe, help my unbelief.**

Assurance of Pardon Romans 5:1-2

Hymn "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me" (Yellow Book)

Prayer of the People

### Worship in Attending to God's Word

Scripture Psalm 38 (Page 467)

Sermon "Crying out to the Lord" Rev. Ethan D. Saylor

### Going Out in Christ's Name

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Hymn "Benediction Song"

As our service concludes we are encouraged to go forth to serve the Lord in joy! Since we are not passing the offering plate during the service, we will have the plates available for you to give your offering following our time of worship together.

## Crying out to the Lord - Psalms of Lament Psalm 38

I. Why We Need the Laments

II. Crying Out to the Lord

A. Stating the Problem

B. The Turning Point

C. Seeking Protection

D. The Ultimate Appeal

III. How A Christian Laments

A. Where Faith & Reality Meet = \_\_\_\_\_

B. Where Sin is Revealed & Grace Sought Out = \_\_\_\_\_

C. Where the Gospel Consols the Lamenting = \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions for Discussion

The Psalms of Lament make up over 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the Psalms, here is a sample list: Psalms 6, 12, 22, 27, 38, 51, 57, 74, 79, 88, 137, 141.

1. How would you define "lament"?

2. Why does it take faith to pray the laments? Should Christians pray laments?

3. What is the heart of the problem facing the author of Psalm 38? Can you relate to this Psalm?

4. What is the resolution of Psalm 38? How does that shape and inform how we ought to pray today?

5. How does the Gospel give comfort and hope to the lamenting?