



## WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

from Luke 15

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

**People: God has gathered us in from the wilderness.**

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

**People: God has swept away the darkness of the night.**

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

**People: Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

### \*HYMN 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Nettleton*

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have wandered from your ways, in wasting your

gifts, in forgetting your love. **By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior** *(continue with silent confession...)*  
**Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Leader:** The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People:** **May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE** *(Greet your neighbor with a first-bump, elbow-bump or wave)*

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Greet each other with the peace of Christ.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Amy Poland

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Phari-

sees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

## SERMON

*Joy*

### \*HYMN 415

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy, Restoration*

*The cantor will sing verses and the congregation will respond with the refrain.*

1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

2 Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify, true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. [Refrain]

3 Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. [Refrain]

4 Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. [Refrain]

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

## MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Thatcher Root

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

Marisa & Brandon Palmer

## OFFERTORY SENTENCES

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Holy God, how often we take for granted all that we have. How often we fail to recognize how blessed we are. Take these gifts we give in response to your generosity and use them to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound, Amazing Grace*

1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

5 When we've been here ten thousand years, bright, shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### Leaders Today:

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

Ushers: Julie Madden, Gary & Karen Stephens

Liturgist: Chuck Kamp

AV/Tech: John Tarr

