

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.**

PRELUDE

If You But Trust in God to Guide You, arr. D. Cherwein¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Isaiah 12

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

People: **let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.**

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

People: **from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.**

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

People: **from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.**

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

People: **in the midst of our joys and our sorrows. Shout aloud and sing for joy,
as we come to worship the God of all creation!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN 711**

Lord of All Good, Toulon²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of peace we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you (continue with silent confession...) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The prophet Isaiah assures us: God is building a new heaven and a new earth; the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in all creation.

People: Thanks be to God!

*ACCLAMATION HYMN 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*³

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*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

After the message, children may follow the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

SERMON

The Way the World Could Be

***HYMN 346**

For the Healing of the Nations, St. Thomas⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE 601

Threefold Amen, Danish Amen⁵

Amen. Amen. Amen.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Paul Thompson, Chair, Stewardship Campaign

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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All Things Are Yours, My God, J.J. Vajda/C. Schalk⁶

***DEDICATION HYMN 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise God⁷*
Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

God of the wolf and the lamb, the lion, and the ox, we give thanks for these gifts and pray they might be agents of your peace. May they serve your creation as we seek your new heaven and new earth. Amen.

***HYMN 353**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less, Solid Rock⁸

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Sing the Glad Song, F. Ritter⁹

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