



**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**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**

*The Solid Rock*, arr. M. Hayes<sup>1</sup>

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 138

Leader: We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

People: **We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!**

Leader: Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

People: **Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us live again.**

**The love of God lasts forever!**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN 321**

*The Church's One Foundation*, Aurelia<sup>2</sup>

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world.**

**We conform to this world's frantic pace,  
too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.**

**We conform to this world's reckless waste,  
exploiting what you entrust to our care.**

**We conform to this world's shallow values,  
oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.**

**We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,  
preferring the latest instead of the lasting.**

**Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.**

**We pray in Jesus' name** *(continue with silent confession)*. **Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ends.  
When we call out to God, God answers.

**People: God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace.**

## \*ACCLAMATION HYMN 581

*Glory Be to the Father, Gloria Patri*<sup>3</sup>

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Please turn to the back wall and wave to our online worshippers, offering them the peace of Christ and then greet each other.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who

do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## **SERMON**

*What About Jesus?*

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **\*HYMN 264**

*At the Name of Jesus, King's West*<sup>4</sup>

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

### **PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 184**

*Calm to the Waves, Calm Seas*<sup>5</sup>

## **CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCES**

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*Jesus, Priceless Treasure, arr. M. Burkhardt*<sup>6</sup>

**\*DEDICATION HYMN 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundredth*<sup>7</sup>  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

**Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and prophetic courage so we may continue to be your body in and for the world. With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 320

*The Church of Christ in Every Age, Wareham*<sup>8</sup>

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in B-flat Major, J.S. Bach*<sup>9</sup>

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Liane Kosaki, Soprano

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AV/Tech: John Tarr

