

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Mark 8:31-38

Leader: Let us sing and praise our God out loud.

People: In the midst of the crowd, we will praise you. In our community, we will bear witness to our faith.

Leader: Let us set our minds on divine things.

People: Let us take up our cross and follow Christ.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!, Marion²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Savior God, the public spectacle of the cross calls us to account. We hesitate and hedge when opportunities arise to speak of you. We are shy in faith and not bold to proclaim. Your story saves, yet we keep it to ourselves. Forgive our reticence of faith. Forgive the ways we fail to serve as public witnesses. Help us be your candlelight, held high to set the world aglow (*continue with silent confession*). Amen.

SONG OF CONFESSION HYMN 577

Lord, Have Mercy, Kyrie Eleison³

After the cantor sings the verse once, the congregation will sing the verse once.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God does not forsake us. Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

*PASSING THE PEACE *(please use a fist/elbow bump or wave for your greeting)*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please stand, 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 22:23-31

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my fol-

lowers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

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

SERMON

Altered Through Unlikely Voices

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 718**

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said, Bourbon*⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 467 (vs. 2)

*Give Us Light, Jyothi Dho*⁵

After the cantor sings the verse once, the congregation will sing the verse once.

Give us life; give us life; give us life, O Lord.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Thatcher Root, Chair, Stewardship Committee

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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*Lift High the Cross, arr. C. Schalk*⁶

***DEDICATION HYMN 716 (vs. 1)** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending, Beach Spring*⁷

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. May our offerings provide for others and be used to further Christ's ministry and mission. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me, Kelvingrove⁸

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, arr. F. Bock⁹

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