

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

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy, G. Shearing¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 3

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God.

People: In times of distress, we will not be overwhelmed.

Leader: You are our hiding place, O Lord; you preserve us from trouble

People: and surround us with glad cries of deliverance.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN 301**

Let Us Build a House, Two Oaks²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
you promise that all who faithfully confess to you
will be forgiven and preserved from trouble.

Trusting in your mercy,
we acknowledge the harm that we have done,
and the good we have failed to do.

Forgive us, we pray;
guide us in your truth, and teach us the way to go,
that we may love and serve you well.

In the name of Jesus we pray
(*continue with silent confession*). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Because we have been buried with Christ, we are raised to new life in him. Forgiven and freed, live lives worthy to your call, and by the power of the Holy Spirit seek to do good.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***ACCLAMATION HYMN 581**

*Glory Be to the Father, Gloria Patri*³

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** (*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 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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Erin DeMuth

Children may return to their parent after the message.

SERMON

Holy Curiosity

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 773**

*Heaven Shall Not Wait, Heaven Shall Not Wait*⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 288

*Spirit of the Living God, Living God*⁵

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY

*The Zacchaeus Song, Kimbrough/Zach*⁶

***DEDICATION HYMN 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundred*⁷
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)

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your reign and build your beloved community. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 766**

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound, McKee*⁸

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure, J.G. Walther*⁹

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