

## **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**

*Prelude in C Major, J.S. Bach<sup>1</sup>*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Ephesians 1

**Leader:** God has accomplished all things through Christ,

**People:** **so that we might live as God's own children.**

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to God

**People:** **and live for the praise of God's glory.**

### **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

#### **\*HYMN 830**

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure, Jesu, Meine Freude<sup>2</sup>*

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we belittle ourselves in the face of overwhelming problems. We tell ourselves we are powerless to create positive change. We tell ourselves peace is impossible as we invest billions in weapons of war. We refuse new ideas, new solutions, new voices. We are stuck – trapped! – in our comfortable ways. Forgive our reluctance, God. Forgive our ignorance. Forgive our excuse-making. Turn us to all that is possible through you (continue with silent confession). Amen.**

#### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Leader:** Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace.  
Respond with bold, courageous love.

**People:** **We will, with God's help.**

## \*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 *(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

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Amos 7:7-15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

*Truth and Consequences*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN

*Once to Every Soul and Nation, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>*

1 Once to every soul and nation comes the moment to decide,  
In the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side;  
Through each choice God speaking to us offers each the bloom or blight,  
Then the one or nation chooses for that darkness or that light.

2 Then to side with truth is Christian, sharing in the heat and dust,  
Ere the cause bring fame and profit, and it's prosperous to be just;  
Then it is the brave one chooses, while the coward stands aside,  
Till the multitude make virtue of the faith they had denied.

3 Though the cause of evil prosper, yet the truth alone is strong;  
Though its portion be the scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong;  
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unseen,  
God keeps watch o'er all that will be, all that is, and that has been.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

## **PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 288**

*Spirit of the Living God, Living God*<sup>5</sup>

## **CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCES**

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*Be Thou My Vision*, arr. T. Trenney<sup>6</sup>

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

**Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to promote the peace, justice and healing you desire for us and your world. Amen.**

## **BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

## **\*HYMN 163**

*Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*, Aberystwyth<sup>8</sup>

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Spiegel im Spiegel*<sup>9</sup>

### **Leaders Today:**

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

Kathy Kamp, alto

Ushers/Greeters: Abe & Carrie Aberle, Karen Stephens, Yong Joo Erwin (Deacon)

Liturgist: Roger Fletcher

AV/Tech: John Tarr

Steve Kurr, violin



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