

## 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

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*, arr. M. Hassell<sup>1</sup>

### CALL TO WORSHIP

from Amos 5

Leader: Seek good and not evil; seek the Lord and live!

**People: May the Lord our God be with us.**

Leader: Seek good and not evil, that justice may prevail.

**People: May the Lord our God show us grace.**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### \*HYMN 267

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*, Madrid<sup>2</sup>

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, "Come, follow me." Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus's call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives (*continue with silent confession*). Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

**People: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.**

Leader: Children of God, hear and believe the good news:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*ACCLAMATION HYMN 634 (verse 1)**      *To God Be the Glory, To God Be The Glory<sup>3</sup>*  
*To God be the glory; great things God has done!*  
*So loved God the world that God gave us the Son,*  
*Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,*  
*And opened the life gate that all may go in.*  
*Praise the Lord; Praise the Lord, let the Earth hear God's voice!*  
*Praise the Lord; Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!*  
*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,*  
*And give God the glory: great things God has done!*

### **\*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**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Seek the Lord and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.  
Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

*Measuring Your Worth*

Donna Norton, Tom Iverson, Meg Beally, Josh Mou

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN 725**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*, Nyland<sup>4</sup>

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

**PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 470 (refrain)** *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts, A Quiqley*<sup>5</sup>  
*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,  
for you to revel yourself to us.  
There is a longing in our hearts for love  
we only find in you, our God.*

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

## OFFERTORY SENTENCES

**OFFERTORY** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian, arr. D. Witkowski*<sup>6</sup>

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. As we share our offerings today, give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may always follow Jesus in what we say and do. Help us to remember that every generous act of giving and every perfect gift is from above from you. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*HYMN 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me, The Summons*<sup>7</sup>

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata in Seven, J. Rutter*<sup>8</sup>

### Leaders Today:

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

Ushers/Greeters: Paul & Linda Bishop, Thatcher Root, Karen Osborne (Deacon)

Liturgist: Linda Moss

AV/Tech: John Tarr

