

## 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

*With a Voice of Singing, JW Harris/M. Shaw<sup>1</sup>*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 111

Leader: Come, and praise God! In the company of the God's people,

**People: let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

Leader: Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.

**People Our God is gracious and compassionate; Our God is merciful and Forgiving; Our God is faithful and trustworthy; Our God is just and good.**

Leader: So come, let's worship God together.

**People: God's praise will last forever!**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN 301

*Let Us Build a House, Two Oaks<sup>2</sup>*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have hidden our light and failed to share fully the love of Christ. We have walked away from the people Jesus came to serve, from the cities and towns where he carried out his ministry. We have chosen instead to make our home in the isolated places where Jesus retreated for prayer. And even there, our prayers have been mostly for ourselves. We have deemed our church an escape from the world, rather than a sanctuary for it. In your infinite mercy, forgive our sins and set us on the path of true righteousness, that we may find the joy of our salvation as we seek the welfare of the world around us, especially here, in Madison (*continue with silent confession*). Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God, who is full of compassion, also knows that those who repent have set their minds and hearts on what endures for all time. Your sin is forgiven you.

**People: The Lord God is a very present help to those who seek to follow God's way.**

### \*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

#### FIRST LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

#### SECOND LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. This was after King Jeconiah, and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the arti-

sans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem. The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom King Zedekiah of Judah sent to Babylon to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. It said: Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Amy Poland

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

## **SERMON**

*Our Unexpected Future - Part 1: Resident Aliens*

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **\*HYMN 749**

*Come! Live in the Light!, We Are Called<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<sup>5</sup>*

*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,  
for you to reveal yourself to us.*

*There is a longing in our hearts for love  
we only find in you, our God.*

## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

## **CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCES**

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*While we sing the hymns, the congregation is invited to come forward down the center aisle, place their donations of diapers and wipes in the chancel, and return to their seats using the side aisles. Those who cannot come forward may remain seated and someone will bring your donation forward.*

\*HYMN 336

*We Gather Together, Kremser<sup>6</sup>*

\*HYMN 647

*Give Thanks Give Thanks<sup>7</sup>*

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

**Lord, who gives us everything we have, we return with joy a portion of our bounty, giving to the work of your church and your world what is already yours: ourselves, our lives, and our means. Make good come from these gifts. Teach us to use what we have with wisdom and compassion. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

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

\*HYMN 351

*All Who Love and Serve Your City, Charlestown<sup>8</sup>*

### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Now Thank We All Our God, J.S. Bach<sup>9</sup>*

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#### **Leaders Today:**



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Liturgist: Jeff Hayes

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

The Chancel Choir

Dorothy Blotz, piano

Ushers/Greeters: Bill & Linda Tanke, Joyce Buseman, Gary Stephens (Deacon)