

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 Christians, Join to Sing!, Arr. M. Fischer¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 66

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

People: Sing the glory of God's name; give God glorious praise

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds.

People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to you name."

Leader: Come and see what God has done!

People: God's deeds are awesome among morals!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN 298**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission, Abbot's Leigh²

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. 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 (continue with silent confession). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

People: Only Christ. And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us.

Leader: Anyone in Christ is a new creation. The old has passed away, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***ACCLAMATION HYMN 363 (verse 1)** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!, Darwall's 148th³
Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your hearts! Lift up your voice! Rejoice again I say, rejoice!*

***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

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

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. 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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 10:1-11

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in

peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Our Unexpected Future, Part 2: Gracious Guests

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 719**

*Come, Labor On, Ora Labora*⁴

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, 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.*

*There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*⁵

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY

*May Our Work and Praise Be One, M. Hill*⁶

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 295**

Go to the World!, Sine Nomine⁷

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns, arr. M. Burkhardt⁸

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Liturgist: Ann Rowley

AV/Tech: John Tarr

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