

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

WELCOME AND OPENING SENTENCES

PRELUDE *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*, arr. D. Cherwien[1]

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice and be glad!
ALL: For God is our help.
One: Rejoice and be glad!
ALL: For God is our hope.
One: Rejoice and be glad!
ALL: For God is our eternal home.

***HYMN 687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*, St. Anne[2]

verse 1 - all, in unison
verse 2 - all, harmony
verse 3 - choir only
verse 4 - higher voices (women)
verse 5 - lower voices (men)
verse 6 - all, in unison

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all times and all seasons, you have called your people to readiness with our time, talents, and finances. When we are negligent, inspire mindfulness. When we are impulsive, inspire intentionality. When we are stingy, inspire generosity. Keep us awake, so that in times of both chaos and calm, in plenty and in need, we are fortified and equipped to respond with grace, generosity, and love. Amen.

QUIET REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from *Psalm 96:11-12)*

One: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy. Hear and share the good news.

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God!

***CELEBRATION SONG 647** *Give Thanks*, Give Thanks[3]

***PASSING THE PEACE**

One: ...the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:1-13

[1]"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and
went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with
their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at
midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then
all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise,
'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there
will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for
yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were
ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other
young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you,
I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

TIME FOR WONDER (Children's Time) – Amy Poland

After the message, children may go with the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

SERMON *You have heard it said…Prepare for Everything*

***HYMN 771** *What Is the World Like,* New World[4]

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION - *Please also pass the friendship form through the row. Bring coins! All change collected will go to a mission project chosen by the children.*

OFFERTORY *Wake, Awake!,* J.S. Bach[5]

***DEDICATION HYMN 717** *For the Life That You Have Given*, Pleading Savior[6]
For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP – Doug Halls

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

***HYMN 362** *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*, Llangloffan[7]

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Keep Your Lamps!,* arr. A. Thomas[8]

Leaders Today

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Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman
AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou
The Chancel Choir
Ushers/Greeters: Ron Behling, Joyce Buseman, Dylan Sturtevant, Linda Tanke (Deacon)

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