

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Serenade/ J. Haydn
Face to Face with Christ, My Savior/ arr. C. Marshall
Aviendha Fogie, harp

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 67:1-5 (NIV)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

People: **May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

People: **May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Psalm 23 (NIV)

Unison: **The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

WE RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
Romans 12:9-12 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

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WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Make a Joyful Noise/ J. Purifoy

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12: 1-2, 5-8 (NIV)

¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's perfect is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

⁵ in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

I Thess. 5:12-14 (NIV)

12“Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. ¹⁴And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

I Peter 5:1-6 (NIV)

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ’s sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ²Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. ⁵Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

I Tim. 5:17-21 (NIV)

¹⁷The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.” ¹⁹Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. ²⁰Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning. ²¹I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism.

Mark 10:42-45 (NIV)

⁴²Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great

among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Heb. 13:7, 15-17 (NIV)

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

¹⁵Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **599**

*WORDS OF PEACE

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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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