

## PRELUDE

*Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord* (Hymn 465)  
*Amazing Grace/ Morning Mood/ Grieg/ arr. C. Berry*

◇ A time of quiet preparation

## WORDS OF GREETING

Brian Ingraham

## WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 34:1-3 (NIV)

Leader: I will extol the LORD at all times;

**People: His praise will always be on my lips.**

Leader: My soul will boast in the LORD;

**People: Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

Leader: Glorify the LORD with me;

**People: Let us exalt his name together.**

IN PRAYER

## \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 701

*Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!*

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN

**CORPORATE PRAYER (in unison): Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.**

PERSONAL PRAYER (silent)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Micah 7:18-19 (NIV)

Leader: Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

## \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; he is my Rock." Psalm 92:12-15a (NIV)

## WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

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

WELCOME TO VISITORS

## WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

*The Power of Your Love/ arr. C. Tornquist*  
Aviendha Fogie, pianist

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15: 1-17 (NIV)

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can

you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

SERMON

*Grace from the Vine*  
**series: Jesus According to John**  
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **629**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 YEARS THROUGH 5TH GRADE)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE