

PRELUDE *The Old Rugged Cross/ Ten Thousand Angels/* arr. A. Burger
◇ A time of quiet preparation

WORDS OF GREETING

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WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 63:1-5 (NIV)

Leader: O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: **I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.**

Leader: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

People: **My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 345

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

PRAYER

Unison: **Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.**

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 25:23-30 (NIV)

²³ “Make a table of acacia wood—two cubits long, a cubit wide and a cubit and a half high. ²⁴ Overlay it with pure gold and make a gold molding around it. ²⁵ Also make around it a rim a handbreadth wide and put a gold molding on the rim. ²⁶ Make four gold rings for the table and fasten them to the four corners, where the four legs are. ²⁷ The rings are to be close to the rim to hold the poles used in carrying the table. ²⁸ Make the poles of acacia wood, overlay them with gold and carry the table with them. ²⁹ And make its plates and dishes of pure gold, as well as its pitchers and bowls for the pouring out of offerings. ³⁰ Put the bread of the Presence on this table to be before me at all times.

Leviticus 24: 5-9 (NIV)

⁵ “Take fine flour and bake twelve loaves of bread, using two-tenths of an ephah for each loaf. ⁶ Set them in two rows, six in each row, on the table of pure gold before the LORD. ⁷ Along each row put some pure incense as a memorial portion to represent the bread and to be an offering made to the LORD by fire. ⁸ This bread is to be set out before the LORD regularly, Sabbath after Sabbath, on behalf of the Israelites, as a lasting covenant. ⁹ It belongs to Aaron and his sons, who are to eat it in a holy place, because it is a most holy part of their regular share of the offerings made to the LORD by fire.”

HYMN 146 (vss. 1, 3 & 4)
We Offer Our Gifts

Break Thou the Bread of Life
Offering

SERMON

The Bread of the Presence
series in Exodus
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

HYMN OF RESPONSE 646 (vss. 1-4)

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Heart

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD

THE CUP

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus/ Just As I Am
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN 598 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling/ arr. T. Smith