

## PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation      *Prelude in G/ E. F. Rimbault*  
*Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners/ arr. M. Kellner*

## WORDS OF GREETING

Chuck Felak

## WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD      Micah 7: 18-20 (NIV)

Leader: Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance?

**People: You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.**

Leader: You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

**People: You will be true to Jacob, and show mercy to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our fathers in days long ago.**

IN PRAYER

## \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 170      *Fairest Lord Jesus*

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Leader: Blessed Jesus, you offered us all your blessings when you announced: "Blessed are the poor in spirit"

**People: But we have been rich in pride.**

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn

**People: But we have not known much sorrow for our sin.**

Leader: Blessed are the meek

**People: But we are a stiff-necked people.**

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

**People: But we are filled to the full with other things.**

Leader: Blessed are the merciful

**People: But we are harsh and impatient.**

Leader: Blessed are the pure in heart

**People: But we have impure hearts.**

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers

**People: But we have not sought reconciliation.**

Leader: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness

**People: But our lives do not challenge the world.**

Leader: Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me

**People: But we have hardly made it known that we are yours.**

Leader: Your Law is holy and your blessings are perfect, but they are both too great for us. You alone are blessed.

**People: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation

## \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly<sup>1</sup> and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.      Micah 6:8 (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/ CHORAL OFFERTORY      *Immortal, Invisible/ arr. Don Marsh*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING      Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup> "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

<sup>27</sup> He answered: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "

<sup>28</sup> "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>

But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him.

<sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

<sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

SERMON

*When God's Delight Is Our Delight*

**series: Jesus and the Parables**

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**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **355**

WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*We Are God's People*

*Be Ever Near Me, Lord/ anon.*