

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

He Leadeth Me/ arr. F. Ritter
Proclaim the Glory of the Lord/ arr. M. Kellner

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Revelation 1: 12-18a (NIV)

Leader: I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone “like a son of man,” dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.

People: **His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.**

Leader: In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

People: **When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 76 (vss. 1-3, & 5)

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heave

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Psalm 51:1-2, 16-17 (NIV)

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

People: **Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

People: **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.**

Leader: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

People: **Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.**

Leader: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

People: **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.**

Leader: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

People: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Leader: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

People: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

Leader: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

People: **The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Psalm 130:7-8 (NIV)

Leader: O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. II Corin. 4:6 (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

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

It Is Well with My Soul/ arr. B. Howell

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant be-

cause he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³ When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

II Corinthians 3:1-18

¹ Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? ² You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. ³ You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

⁴ Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. ⁵ Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. ⁶ He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷ Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹ If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰ For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹ And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

¹² Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³ We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. ¹⁴ But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken

away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

SERMON

Glowing, Glowing, Gone
series in Exodus
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN OF RESPONSE 529

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*WORDS OF PEACE

Dismissal of Children to Music room and Sunday School hour
(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Hymn 528)