

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

WORDS OF GREETING

Chuck Felak

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 89: 1-2, 14-17a (NIV)

Leader: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;

People: **With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.**

Leader: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

People: **Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.**

Leader: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

People: **They rejoice in your name all day long; they exult in your righteousness. For you are their glory and strength.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 30 (vss. 1-4 & 7)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH (Trinity Hymnal p. 816)

Psalm 90

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13: 15-16 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:19-25 (viv)

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,

²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching

SERMON

Daring to Draw Near
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

UNISON PRAYER

Unison: **Father, we thank you that we are not alone in this world: that you love us, that you care for us, that you are always present and attentive to our needs. You have proved this already in sending Jesus your son to bear our sin and uniting us to Him through your Spirit.**

We confess that we are a stubborn people with hearts that are easily distracted. We are reluctant to draw near to you in faith as we should. We confess that we sometimes ignore you, as though you were not present or caring. Often times we live as though we are orphans and must fend for ourselves, when in fact you have adopted us as

sons and daughters, and invited us to your table. We confess that we also fail to draw near to each other in love, and good deeds.

Lord Jesus, give us grace to draw near to you. Help us to live joyfully in the new and living way you have opened for us. Give us strength to hold unswervingly to the hope we profess. And grant us your love, that we may be a thoughtful people, who consider how to love and encourage each other.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD

THE CUP

WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN 32 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*POSTLUDE