

## PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*Orison* (Psalm 5:3)/ D. Wagner  
*4 Variations on "Old Hundreth"*/ D. Lasky  
Douglas Weaver, Guest Organist

## WORDS OF GREETING

Jason Sauder

## WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 96: 10-13 (NIV)

Leader: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

People: **The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.**

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

People: **Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;**

Leader: They will sing before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

People: **He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.**

IN PRAYER

## \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 75

*O Father, You Are Sovereign*

## WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

## \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: For the LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back? His yoke will be taken from my people, and his burden removed from their shoulders. This is the plan determined for the whole world; this is the hand stretched out over all nations. Isai-ah 14:25b-27 (NIV)

## WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

## WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

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Prayers of God's Peo-

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

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*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us/ P Keven*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:1-15

(NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup> And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!" <sup>5</sup> And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. <sup>6</sup> For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. <sup>7</sup> But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.<sup>9</sup> Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay.<sup>10</sup> You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have.<sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

<sup>12</sup> “You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you.<sup>13</sup> Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.”

<sup>14</sup> Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping.<sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

SERMON

*Seeing God's Perspective on Evil*  
Rev. Dr. Tim Yates

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **94** (vss. 1-4, 6)

*How Firm a Foundation*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune/ D. Lasky*