

## PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*Bachiana/ G. Young*

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing/ arr. P. Dickens*

## WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Rev. 5: 11-13 (NIV)

**Leader:** Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

**People:** “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

**Leader:** Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

**People:** “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

IN PRAYER

### \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 295

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

### \*WE CONFESS OUR SIN

adapted from *Reformation Theology*

**Unison:** Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich; and in Jesus Christ you came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you.

Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and the times when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have shared with others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves.

**Jesus, have mercy on us and make us whole. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

**Leader:** For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. I Pet. 1:18, 19 & 21 (NIV)

### WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

*Kyrie Eleison/ D. Perry & J. Perry*

### WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Lynn McKay, reader

Exodus 11

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD had said to Moses, “I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely. <sup>2</sup> Tell the people that men and women alike are to ask their neighbors for articles of silver and gold.” <sup>3</sup> (The LORD made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and Moses himself was highly regarded in Egypt by Pharaoh’s officials and by the people.)

<sup>4</sup> So Moses said, “This is what the LORD says: ‘About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. <sup>5</sup> Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the slave girl, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. <sup>6</sup> There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again. <sup>7</sup> But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any man or animal.’ Then you will know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel. <sup>8</sup> All these officials of yours will come to me,

bowing down before me and saying, ‘Go, you and all the people who follow you!’ After that I will leave.” Then Moses, hot with anger, left Pharaoh.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD had said to Moses, “Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you—so that my wonders may be multiplied in Egypt.” <sup>10</sup> Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh, but the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let the Israelites go out of his country.

Exodus 12: 1-13

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup> “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup> Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup> If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup> The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup> Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup> Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup> That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. <sup>10</sup> Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup> This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.

<sup>12</sup> “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

Exodus 12:21-23

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to

them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. <sup>22</sup> Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning. <sup>23</sup> When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

Exodus 12:29-31

<sup>29</sup> At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. <sup>30</sup> Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

<sup>31</sup> During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD as you have requested.

SERMON

*When I See the Blood*  
series in Exodus  
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

## WE COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*Please Note:* An elder is available in the rear of the sanctuary during communion to pray with you regarding any needs or issues in your life.

## WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **172** *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR.

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*With a Voice of Praise/* E. Van Woert