

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Brethren We Have Met to Worship/ R. Haan
Give Me Thy Heart/ E. Rogers

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Hebrews 10:19-23 (NIV)

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

People: **By a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,**

Leader: And since we have a great priest over the house of God,

People: **Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith,**

Leader: Having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

People: **Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 598

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Psalm 84 (NIV)

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

People: **My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—

People: **A place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.**

Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

People: **Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.**

Leader: As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

People: **They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.**

Leader: Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob.

People: **Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.**

Leader: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

People: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Leader: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor;

People: **No good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.**

Leader: O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY *Trust in You/ L. Daigle, M. Sarren, & P. Mabury*
Val Weaver, Vocals; Douglas Weaver, piano

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV)

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you

died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

SERMON

A View from the Top
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

**Unison: Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves;
though you should rule us, we control ourselves;
though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.
We think your truth too high, your will too hard,
your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not!
And without them, we are of all people most miserable.
Now heal our confused minds with your word,
heal our divided wills with your law,
heal our troubled consciences with your love,
heal our anxious hearts with your presence,
all for the sake of your Son,
who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

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 **32**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Grand Toccata/ G. Peterson