

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Spirit of the Living God/ arr. T. Smith

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Lamentations 3:22-25 (NIV)

Leader: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

People: **They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**

Leader: I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."

People: **The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

John 10:10b-16 (NIV)

Unison: **I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" He showed them his hands and side and the disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Then Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." From John 20:19-22 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE REJOICE IN THE SPIRIT'S WORK

EPHRATA PROJECT VIDEO

PERSONAL REPORTS

RESPONDING IN PRAYER

Tim Hubach
Brian Ingraham, Ida Long

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision/ arr. C. Tornquist

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:24b-27

²⁴ These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 15:18-16: 4

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of

the world. That is why the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. ²¹ They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ He who hates me hates my Father as well. ²⁴ If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. ²⁵ But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.' ²⁶ "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. ¹ "All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. ² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. ³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴ I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you.

SERMON

The Holy Spirit: Sent to Bear Witness
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***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **460**

Amazing Grace!

WORDS OF PEACE

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POSTLUDE

To God All Glory Given/ R. Sawyer