

PRELUDE ◇ A time of quiet preparation *Voluntary/ W. Goodwin*
Carillon and Chorale on "Christ is the World's True Light"/ R. Haan

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD from Psalm 147 (NIV)

Leader: Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.

People: **He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

Leader: He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.

People: **He covers the sky with clouds;
he supplies the earth with rain**

Leader: The LORD delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.

People: **How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!**

Leader: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music to our God on the harp.

People: **Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 296 vss. 1-5 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

from *Reformation Theology*

Unison: **Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY *When We All Get To Heaven/ arr. E. Wilson*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 1:1-12

¹ Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—² and all the brothers with me,

To the churches in Galatia:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,⁴ who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,⁵ to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷ which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!⁹ As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

¹⁰ Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

¹¹ I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. ¹² I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:1-4

¹ You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. ² I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? ³ Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort? ⁴ Have you suffered so much for nothing—if it really was for nothing?

SERMON

The Fight for the Gospel
Jason Sauder

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **523**

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

My Hope Is in the Lord

I Love to Tell the Story/ arr. S. Keeney