

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

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WORDS OF GREETING

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WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Revelation 1:4-6 (NIV)

Leader: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

People: **To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 1

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

I Peter 2:4-10 (NIV)

Leader: As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—

People: **You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

Leader: For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious.

People: **But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,” and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”**

Leader: But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God,

People: **That you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

Leader: Once you were not a people,

People: **But now you are the people of God;**

Leader: Once you had not received mercy,

People: **But now you have received mercy.**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: And they sang a new song: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.” Rev. 5:9-10 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/CHORAL OFFERTORY *On Faith Alone (Sola Fide)/ arr. T. Fettke*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-18 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.⁴ Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.⁷ If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;⁸ if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

SERMON

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WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE INVITATION
THE BREAD
THE CUP

WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **420** *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*
*WORDS OF PEACE
DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR
(4 years through 5th grade)
ANNOUNCEMENTS
*POSTLUDE

Hymn of Joy/ arr. R. Grosvenor