

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Pastorale/ J. S. Bach
St. Denio (Hymn 38)/ W. Held
Douglas Weaver, Organist

WORDS OF GREETING

Morris Lapi

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

I Chronicles 29: 10b-13 (NIV)

Leader: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

People: **Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory
and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven
and earth is yours.**

Leader: Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.
Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

People: **In your hands are strength and power to exalt and
give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 6

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Luke 12: 22-34 (NIV)

Leader: Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not
worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body,
what you will wear.

People: **Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.
Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no
storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much
more valuable you are than birds!**

Leader: Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?
Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry
about the rest?

People: **"Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin.
Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was
dressed like one of these.**

Leader: If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here
today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more
will he clothe you, O you of little faith!

People: **And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink;
do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all
such things, and your Father knows that you need them.
But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to
you as well.**

Leader: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been
pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions
and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will
not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted,
where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

People: **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing
I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
Psalm 73: 25-26 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* /arr. R. Bonam
Jim Harris, Piano; Rachel Klein, Flute

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 12:13-21(NIV)

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." '

²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹ "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

SERMON

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***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **32**

WORDS OF PEACE

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POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Paeon on "Lobe Den Herren" / D. Lasky