

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Exaltation Medley/ arr. D. Wyrzten
What Wondrous Love Is This?/ arr. M. Hayes
Kathleen Golias, Piano

WORDS OF GREETING

Jim Harris

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 130:1-5, 7-8 (NIV)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; O Lord, hear my voice.

People: Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

Leader: If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.

People: O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 251

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

from Romans 8:18-39 (ESV)

Leader: I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

People: We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Leader: Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

People: For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Leader: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

People: What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Leader: He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

People: Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

Leader: Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

People: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

Leader: As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

People: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. Psalm 62:5-6 (NIV)

MISSION MOMENT

Noll family video

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

Via Dolorosa/ arr. N. DiGesare

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-21(NIV)

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.

¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

SERMON

The Sacrifice of Suffering
series: Living Sacrifices for Jesus
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **156**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR
(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Go Out with Praise/ G. Martin