PRELUDE Variations on "All Creatures of Our God and King"/ T. Bohlert ♦ A time of quiet preparation

#### WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

Isaiah 55: 1-3a (NIV) IN WORD

Leader: Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;

People: And you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Leader: Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?

People: Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live.

IN PRAYER

\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing HYMN OF PRAISE 457

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN** from Reformation Theology

Unison: We confess, our Father,

that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve,

more ready to fear than to love,

more ready to keep our distance than to welcome,

more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should.

because we do not believe that you love us as you do.

Forgive us our cold unbelief.

And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.

## \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

Luke 7:22-23 (NIV)

### WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1<sup>st</sup> grade) WELCOME TO VISITORS

#### WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

#### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

Cornerstone Medley/ arr. M. Hayes Kathleen Golias, Piano

# WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:15-17, 35-43, 19:1-10 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>17</sup> I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup> When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. <sup>37</sup> They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

<sup>38</sup> He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

<sup>39</sup> Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

<sup>40</sup> Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, <sup>41</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied.

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."<sup>43</sup> Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

<sup>1</sup> Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

<sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.' " <sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

SERMON

Everybody's Welcome series: Jesus and His Church Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

# \*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN OF RESPONSE 442
WORDS OF PEACE
ANNOUNCEMENTS
POSTLUDE

Arise, O God

Paean Exultant/ F. Smith