

PRELUDE

Voluntary in D/ J. Alcock

◇ A time of quiet preparation *All Creatures of Our God and King/ arr. P. Dickens*

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Daniel 2:20-23a (NIV)

Leader: Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;
wisdom and power are his.

People: **He changes times and seasons;
he sets up kings and deposes them.
He gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to the discerning.**

Leader: He reveals deep and hidden things;
he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.

People: **I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers...**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 2 (vss. 1-2, 5-6)

O Worship the King

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

adapted from *Reformation Theology*

Unison: **O Father, we are gathered before you,
the maker of heaven and earth,
whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite,
to confess that we have sinned in thought
and word and deed;
we have not loved you with all our heart and soul,
we have not loved you with all our mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, deepen our sorrow
for the wrong we have done
and for the good we have left undone,
so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.
But, Father, do not leave us in sorrow.
With you there is forgiveness.
In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation;
so that we may love you with a holy love.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone, love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

1 Peter 2:13-17 (NIV)

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/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Shepherd Psalm/ arr. M. McDonald

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:1-7 (NIV)

¹ Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. ⁴ For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. ⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

SERMON

The Sacrifice of Submission to the State
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*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN OF RESPONSE **681**

How Gentle God's Commands

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Postlude Triumphal/ C. Sergisson