

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound/* arr. R. Hobby *In the Sanctuary/* G. F. Handel

WORDS OF GREETING

Chuck Felak

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD Isaiah 61: 1-3 (NIV)

Leader: The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

People: **He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,**

Leader: To proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion

People: **To bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,**

Leader: The oil of gladness instead of mourning,

People: **And a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 460 *Amazing Grace!*

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

Titus 2:11-3: 8 (NIV)

Leader: For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions,

People: **And to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,**

Leader: Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

People: **These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.**

Leader: Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one,

People: **To be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.**

Leader: At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

People: **But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.**

Leader: He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

People: **So that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

Psalm 103:8-10 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY *One World, One Communion/* P. Choplin

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV)

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

SERMON

Grace Alone
Reformation series
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

WE COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Please Note: An elder is available in the rear of the sanctuary during communion to pray with you regarding any needs or issues in your life.

WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **461** (vss. 1-3, 5)

Not What My Hands Have Done

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Benediction/ F. Schubert