

## PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*Voluntary in A/ W. Selby  
Come, Thou Almighty King/ arr. L. Smith*

## WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 145:8-13 (NIV)

Leader: The LORD is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.

People: **The LORD is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.**

Leader: All you have made will praise you,  
O LORD; your saints will extol you.

People: **They will tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,**

Leader: So that all men may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

People: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.**

IN PRAYER

### \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 101

*Come, Thou Almighty 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;  
to confess that we have not loved you with all our heart  
and soul,  
And we have not loved you with all our mind and strength;  
to confess that 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, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow.  
With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness.  
In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation;  
so that we may love you with a love that is pure. Amen.**

### \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.  
Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving  
thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:19-20 (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

*Let the Words of My Mouth/ F. Ortega  
Rachel Vos, Clare Wolf, vocals*

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-15 (ESV)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup> As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,

who will prepare your way,

<sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on