

## PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go/* arr. H. Whitford

*Prelude on "My Jesus, I Love Thee"/* R. Parks

## WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 105:1-4 (NIV)

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.

People: **Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: **Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.**

IN PRAYER

### \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 55

*To God Be the Glory*

### \*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

People: **I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the  
virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was cru-  
cified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The  
third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into  
heaven and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to  
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the for-  
giveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen**

### \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14-19 (NIV)

### WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

*Come, Share the Lord/* arr. K. Young

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 12:31b – 13:13 (NIV)

<sup>31</sup> And now I will show you the most excellent way.

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does

not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. <sup>12</sup> Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

SERMON

*Long-standing Love*  
series: Jesus According to John  
Rev. Dwight McKay

## **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 **70** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE *Savior, Thy Dying Love Thou Gavest Me* (Hymn 638)