

PRELUDE

◇A time of quiet preparation

Larghetto/ J. Franck

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name/ arr. D. Bish

WORDS OF GREETING

Jim Harris

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

from Revelation 5: 6-14 (NIV)

Leader: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders.

People: **He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.**

Leader: And they sang a new song:

People: **"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,**

Leader: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

People: **"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"**

Leader: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

People: **"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"**

Leader: The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 295

Crown Him with Many Crowns

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Philippians 2:1-11 (NIV)

Leader: If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,

People: **Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.**

Leader: Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit,

People: **But in humility consider others better than yourselves.**

Leader: Each of you should look not only to your own interests,

People: **But also to the interests of others.**

Leader: Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

People: **Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,**

Leader: But made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

People: **And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!**

Leader: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name

People: **That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:43b-45 (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

Wash Their Feet/ P. Choplin

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13: 1-20 (NIV)

¹ It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father.

Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

² The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus.

³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;

⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water

into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you."¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

¹⁸ "I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the scripture: 'He who shares my bread has lifted up his heel against me.'

¹⁹ "I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am He.

²⁰ I tell you the truth, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me."

SERMON

In Very Nature Servant
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Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **585**

Take My Life, and Let It Be

WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR (2nd to 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It! (Hymn # 701)/ F. Crosby

