

## PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*Prelude in E Flat/ B. Marcello  
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name/ arr. D. Bish*

## WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 130 (NIV)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
O Lord, hear my voice.  
Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

People: **If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.

People: **O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.  
He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

IN PRAYER

### \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 522

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

### \*WE CONFESS OUR SIN (Trinity Hymnal p. 804)

Psalm 51

### \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith... Where, then, is boasting?<sup>1</sup> It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. Romans 4:13, 3: 27-28 (NIV)

## WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

*Jesus is All the World to Me (Hymn 653)/ arr K. Williams*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18: 9-14 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup>To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable:  
<sup>10</sup>"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'  
<sup>13</sup>"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'  
<sup>14</sup>"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

SERMON

***Looking Down, Looking Up***  
**series: Jesus and the Parables**  
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

## WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD

THE CUP

## WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN 246 *Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*POSTLUDE