

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing/ arr. L. Smith

Sweet Hour of Prayer/ arr. G. Clarke

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 100 (NIV)

Unison: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 635

How Good It Is to Thank the Lord

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH** Heidelberg Catechism Questions 116-119

Leader: Why do Christians need to pray?

**People: Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness
God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and
Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan in-
wardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.**

Leader: How does God want us to pray so that he will listen to us?

**People: First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one
true God, who has revealed himself in his Word, asking for
everything God has commanded us to ask for.**

**Second, we must acknowledge our need and misery,
hiding nothing, and humble ourselves in his majestic
presence.**

Third, we must rest on his unshakable foundation:

**even though we do not deserve it,
God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord.
That is what he promised us in his Word.**

Leader: What did God command us to pray for?

**People: Everything we need, spiritually and physically,
as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.**

Leader: Let us pray that prayer.

**People: Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.

Psalm 145:18-19 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

It Is I! / C. Cooman

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:11-12; Colossians 4:2-4; I Thess. 5:16-18; Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

¹¹Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

²Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

¹⁶Be joyful always; ¹⁷pray continually; ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

SERMON

The Sacrifice of Prayer
series: Living Sacrifices for Jesus
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 378

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE