

PRELUDE

Invocation/ D. Wolford

◇ A time of quiet preparation *Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah/ arr. M. Kellner*

WORDS OF GREETING

Morris Lapi

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 57: 8-11 (NIV)

Leader: Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

People: **I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations;
I will sing of you among the peoples.**

Leader: For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

People: **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 188

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Psalm 1

Leader: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked
or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

People: **But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

Leader: He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.

People: **Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows
away.**

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

People: **For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Return to us, O God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see!
Watch over this vine, the root your right hand has planted, the son
you have raised up for yourself. Restore us, O LORD God
Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

Psalm 80: 14, 15 & 19 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Nick Klein

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Psalm 148 (Praise Ye the Lord)/ M. Patterson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-17 (NIV)

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

SERMON

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Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **338** (vss. 1, 3-5)

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

WORDS OF PEACE
ANNOUNCEMENTS
POSTLUDE

Benediction/ F. Schubert