

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

For All the Blessings of the Year/ arr. K. Ford
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee/ arr. L. Smith

WORDS OF GREETING

Chuck Felak

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6 (NIV)

Leader: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

People: **How awesome is the Lord Most High,
the great King over all the earth.**

Leader: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 179 (vss. 2-4)

Hallelujah! Thine the Glory

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

from *Reformed Theology*

Unison: **Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have
given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son.
But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of
living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt.
Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with
our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our
chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our
short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us.
Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

I John 1:9 (New Century Version)

Leader: But if we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins, because we
can trust God to do what is right. He will cleanse us from all the
wrongs we have done.

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets,
some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to
prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of
Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in
the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to
the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (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

Day by Day/M. Schweizer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 18:13-26 (NIV)

¹³The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the
people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. ¹⁴
When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the
people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why
do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you
from morning till evening?"

¹⁵Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek
God's will. ¹⁶Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me,
and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's
decrees and laws."

¹⁷Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good.

¹⁸You and these people who come to you will only wear your-
selves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it

alone. ¹⁹ Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. ²⁰ Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform. ²¹ But select capable men from all the people--men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain--and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²² Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. ²³ If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied." ²⁴ Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said. ²⁵ He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²⁶ They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they decided themselves.

SERMON

You Cannot Handle It Alone
series: **Low Visibility — High Impact**
Rev. Dwight McKay

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **590**

Jesus, Master, Whose I Am

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR
(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

We Praise Thee, O God/ C. Sergisson