

## PRELUDE

*Cornet Voluntary/ H. Heron*

◇ A time of quiet preparation *Prelude on "If God Himself Be For Me"/ arr. J. Hanson*

## WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD I Corinthians 2:1-2, 18; Galatians 6:14 (NIV)

Leader: When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.

People: **For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.**

Leader: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

People: **For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

IN PRAYER

### \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 252

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

### WE CONFESS OUR FAITH Heidelberg Catechism # 55, I Peter 4: 10-11 (NIV)

Leader: What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

People: **First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.**

Leader: Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others,

People: **Faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.**

Leader: If anyone speaks,

People: **He should do it as one speaking the very words of God.**

Leader: If anyone serves,

People: **He should do it with the strength God provides,**

Leader: So that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

People: **To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen**

### \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

I Corinthians 12: 4-6, 11 (NIV)

### WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

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

WELCOME TO VISITORS

### WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

*Ah, Holy Jesus/ C. Courtney*

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12: 3-8 (NIV)  
For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is

encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

SERMON

*The Sacrifice of Humble Service*  
**series: Jesus According to John**  
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **585** (vss. 1-5)

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE