

PRELUDE

Toccata on "Amazing Grace"/ J. Christopher Pardini

◇ A time of quiet preparation

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Revelation 7:9-12 (NIV)

Leader: After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

People: **They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."**

Leader: All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

People: **"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 295

Crown Him with Many Crowns

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

from Reformation Theology

Unison: **Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor.**

Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Psalm 67:3-4 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Small Groups
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WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

A Lord-Built House/ R. Lentz

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 9:1-5 (NIV)

I speak the truth in Christ--I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

SERMON

A Holy Sadness
Dr. Stephen Beck

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **310**

WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Rejoice , the Lord Is King

O God beyond All Praising/D. Lasry