

PRELUDE

Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee/ arr. A. L. Page
Thine Is the Glory/ arr. A. L. Page
David Schultz, Guest Organist

◇ A time of quiet preparation

WORDS OF GREETING

Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

from 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. And they cried out in a loud voice:

People: **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: **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 FAITH

Isaiah 19:19-25 (NIV)

Leader: In that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the heart of Egypt, and a monument to the LORD at its border.

People: **It will be a sign and witness to the LORD Almighty in the land of Egypt. When they cry out to the LORD because of their oppressors, he will send them a savior and defender, and he will rescue them.**

Leader: So the LORD will make himself known to the Egyptians, and in that day they will acknowledge the LORD.

People: **They will worship with sacrifices and grain offerings; They will turn to the LORD, and he will respond to their pleas and heal them.**

Leader: In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. The Assyrians will go to Egypt and the Egyptians to Assyria. The Egyptians and Assyrians will worship together.

People: **In that day Israel will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. The LORD Almighty will bless them, saying, “Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance.”**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2:29-32 (NIV)

MISSION MOMENT

Richard Smith, video

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD’S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

I Stand in Awe/ arr. T. Wilhelmi
Kathleen Golias

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 14 (NIV)

¹ The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

² The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

³ All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is

no one who does good, not even one.

⁴ Will evildoers never learn— those who devour my people as men eat bread and who do not call on the LORD?

⁵ There they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous.

⁶ You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

⁷ Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

SERMON

How to Start Caring about Missions
Rev. Stephen Jones

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **196** (vss.1, 3 & 4) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Blest Be the Tie that Binds