

We begin worship with the musical prelude and lighting of the candles, reminding us of Christ's presence with us. Please use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here.

THE GATHERING

WORDS OF GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come seeking to receive a blessing from God.

All: We come seeking to be a blessing to others.

One: When we look around, from where does our help come?

All: Our help comes from the Holy One who made heaven and earth.

*HYMN PH #488

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and gracious God, you give us every reason to have confidence in you. Still, we are burdened by questions: Where are you calling us to go? From whence will our help come? How can your promises be fulfilled? Patient God, we confess our fear and lack of faith in you. We admit our confusion and resistance to your teachings. Open our minds, O God, and open our hearts, that we may know you are faithful and trust your gracious care for us.....(time for silent confession) Amen.

KYRIE

arr. Healey Willan, 1930



Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...this is the truth that sets us free!

...In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

CHORAL RESPONSE SNC #143

Jesus Remember Me

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-4a (OT p. 10)

EPISTLE READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (NT p. 154)

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Nettleton) arr. Roland E. Martin

after Bach's *Suite in G* for unaccompanied cello

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!

Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it; mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come;

And I hope by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger wand' ring from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand' ring heart to thee;

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

PASSING of the PEACE

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 3:1-17 (NT p. 93)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Doing Time"

Rev. Tom Winter

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God has not taken Gods people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship God there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining God in that work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and in God's promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

*HYMN PH #234

"I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"

DUNDEE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

In your great mercy, **Lord, hear our prayers.**

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Cash and coins go to the Offering for the Poor

DOXOLOGY

DOXOLOGY (Old Hundredth)

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Christ, all people
 here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir-it ev - er - more; Praise
 Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (see laminated sheet in pew rack)

THE SENDING

*HYMN PH #408 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" GERMANY

*CHARGE AND BLESSING
 ...let all God's people say: Alleluia! Amen!

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