

Prelude, "How He Loves"

Welcome and Announcements (John) (Communion Sunday – remind those at home to gather elements; Session Minute)

†Call to Worship, Isaiah 43 – Kathy Decker

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you,
he who formed you;

**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

**For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.**

†Song of Praise, "The Same Love" (Kathy, please announce the song)

Gathering Prayer – (Kathy)

Scripture Reading, Psalm 5:1-8 (Kathy)

- ¹Listen to my words, O LORD;
attend to my sighing.
²Listen to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you I pray.
³O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I plead my case to you and watch.
⁴For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil will not sojourn with you.
⁵The boastful will not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.
⁶You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.
⁷But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house;
I will bow down toward your holy temple
in awe of you.
⁸Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.

†Song of Praise, "In Christ Alone"

Children's Message (Scott Ross)

Children are invited forward

Choir Anthem

Greeting (John)

Scripture Reading, Matthew 26:57-68 (John)

- ⁵⁷Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. ⁵⁸But Peter followed him at a distance, right up

to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

⁵⁹The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. ⁶⁰But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward ⁶¹and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

⁶²Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" ⁶³But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

⁶⁴"You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. ⁶⁶What do you think?"

"He is worthy of death," they answered.

⁶⁷Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him ⁶⁸and said, "Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?"

Message, "Jesus Knows What it is to Have the Truth Twisted Against You" (John will invite musicians to come forward as the sermon is coming to a close"

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (John)

Communion, (Rev. Eric Bergland)

If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, you will have an opportunity to receive communion where you are seated.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

† Hymn, "To God be the Glory" (Eric announce the offering and the song)

Offering Our Gifts

(Eric announce Stephen Minister – Jamie Montoya)

†Benediction

You go nowhere by accident.
Wherever you go, God is sending you.
Wherever you are, God has put you there.
God has a purpose in your being there.
Christ lives in you and has something
He wants to do through you where you are.
Believe this and go in the grace and love and power of Jesus Christ.

Postlude