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# Sent Two by Two

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Today's Lay Reader: Sharon Wilson

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

Ave Verum

Charles Gounod

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** **We come, ready to do ministry together!**

**Leader:** When our bodies feel unable and incapable, God's power takes over! In Christ, we can do all things!

**People:** **Lord, we open our hearts to make room for your strength to enter in.**

## Hymn

## Jesus Shall Reign

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2. To Je - sus end - less prayer be made, and end - less  
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; all pris - oners  
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom spread from  
 prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 leap and loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -  
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

## Opening Prayer

Loving God, you open our hearts to the mysteries of faith in ordinary and extraordinary moments. Open our hearts to this extraordinary moment! Make your power known to us and within us. We want to experience your power. We want to demonstrate your almighty love to all creation. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer****The Lord's Prayer****Hymn****Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus***(sing twice)*

Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, look full in his  
 won - der - ful face, and the things of earth will grow  
 won - der - ful face,  
 strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

**Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev****Scripture Lesson**

Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message

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Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Song Without Words

Eric H. Thiman

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## A Service of Word and Table

Please see the Communion Liturgy on [page 7](#) of this document.

Hymn

Victory in Jesus

1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came  
2. I heard a - bout his heal - ing, of his cleans - ing power  
3. I heard a - bout a man - sion he has built for me

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Victory in Jesus'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with three verses provided.

from glo - ry, how he gave his life on Cal - va - ry  
 re - veal - ing, how he made the lame to walk a - gain  
 in glo - ry, and I heard a - bout the streets of gold

to save a wretch like me; I heard a - bout his  
 and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, "Dear  
 be - yond the crys - tal sea; a - bout the an - gels

groan - ing, of his pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing,  
 Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"  
 sing - ing and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry,

then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the  
 and some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the  
 and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of

vic - to - ry.  
 vic - to - ry. O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my  
 vic - to - ry.



Sav - ior for - ev - er! He sought me and bought me

with his re - deem - ing blood; he loved me ere I

knew him, and all my love is due him; he

plunged me to vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Festal Finale**

**Henry Coleman**

## A Service of Word and Table

### Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### Confession and Pardon

**People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are all forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! All: Thanks be to God!**

### The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation, and concludes: And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

*The people sing their response:*

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of  
power and might. Heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - - - -  
- ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -  
est! Blest is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

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*The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes: And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and*



living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*The people sing their response:*

## Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,  
Christ will come a - gain. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

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*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.*

**ALL: Amen!**

**Breaking the Bread**

**Giving the Cup**