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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

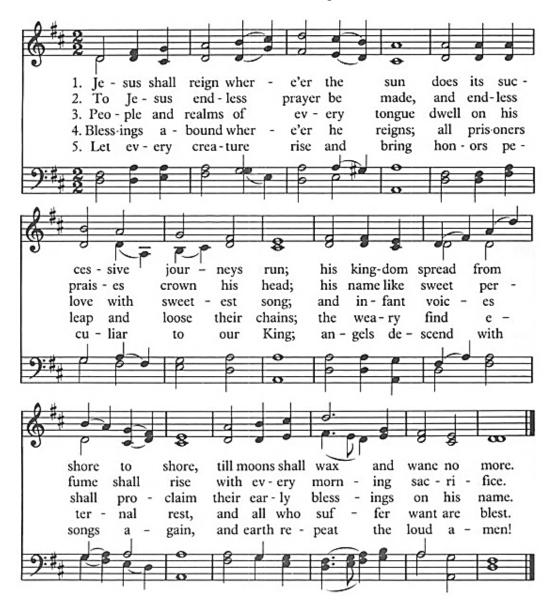
over! In Christ, we can do all things!

People: Lord, we open our hearts to make room for your strength to

enter in.

Hymn

#### Jesus Shall Reign



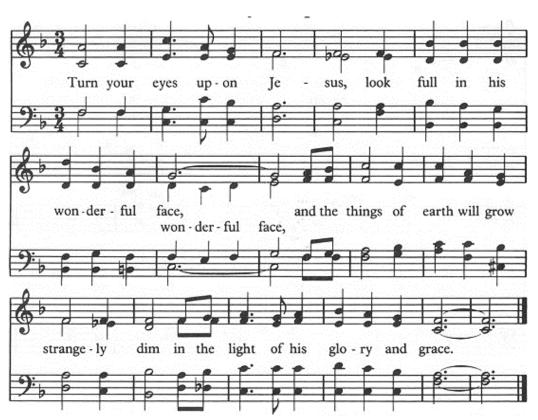
## **Opening Prayer**

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)



#### 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

OffertorySong Without WordsEric 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







### **Benediction**

PostludeFestal FinaleHenry Coleman

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#### 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:



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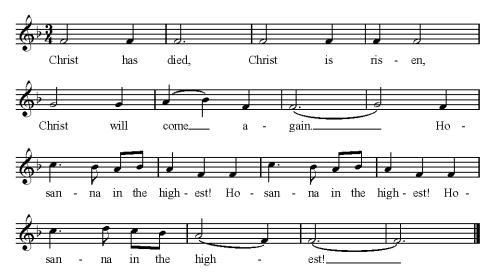
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The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes: And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and

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

The people sing their response:

# Memorial Acclamation



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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**