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Come and Worship the Lord

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Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am 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 be bold for Christ!**

Leader: Being a Christian isn't about being timid! It's about spreading the Word of God to as many people as possible!

People: **We can't be shy. We have the power of Christ to love all people through our own self-discipline.**

Prelude

In Christ There Is No East or West

Gilbert M. Martin

Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart; re - joice, give
 2. Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le -
 3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing
 4. At last the march shall end; the wea - ried
 5. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom

thanks, and sing; your glo - rious ban - ner
 lu - ias loud; whilst an - swering ech - oes
 as ye go; from youth to age, by
 ones shall rest; the pil - grims find their
 we a - dore, the Fa - ther, Son, and

wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 heaven - ly home, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Ho - ly Ghost, one God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain
 Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.
 Re-joice, re-joice,

Opening Prayer

Lord, thank you for waking us up this morning! Thank you for calling us to the sanctuary and to our screens to connect with you and your people. We thank you for the things that lift us up, and we give to you the things that weigh us down. You have given each one

of us gifts and graces. Now we have to use them. Almighty God, equip us, strengthen us and then send us! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

Holy Ground

This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground,
For the Lord is here and where He is is holy. *(repeat)*

These are holy hands, He's given us holy hands,
He works through these hands and so these hands are holy. *(repeat)*

Senior Choir

Echo Anthem

Gordon Young

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you

have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Message *Witness with Power, Love, and Self-Discipline*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Offertory on "Pisgah" Steven Scott

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

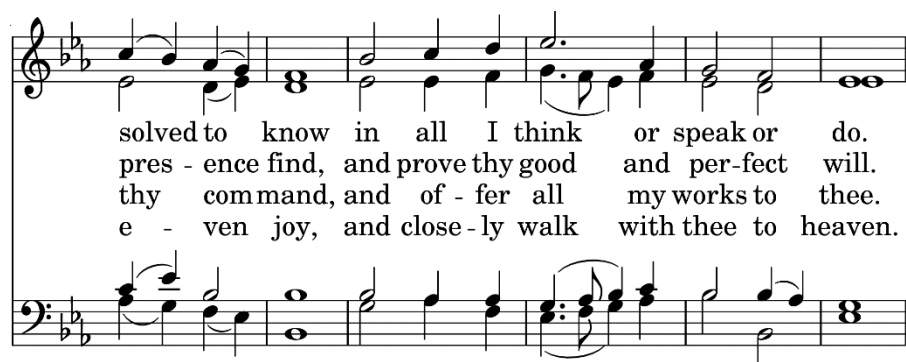
*Please see the Communion Liturgy on **page 6** of this document.*

Communion Anthem When You Break the Bread Ruth Elaine Schram

Hymn Forth in Thy Name

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my dai - ly
2. The task thy wis - dom hath as - signed, O let me
3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine
4. For thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy what - e'er thy

la - bor to pur - sue; thee, on - ly thee, re -
cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works thy
in - most sub - stance see, and la - bor on at
boun - teous grace hath given; and run my course with



solved to know in all I think or speak or do.
pres - ence find, and prove thy good and per-fect will.
thy command, and of - fer all my works to thee.
e - ven joy, and close - ly walk with thee to heaven.

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in G Major

J. S. Bach

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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 risen,
Christ will come again. 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