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# Come and Worship the Lord

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Today's Lay Reader: Melissa Wilson

Welcome

**Call to Worship** 

Leader: We gather together to learn of love—
People: a love that speaks of Jesus
Leader: We remain together for the sake of joy—
People: a joy that comes through service.
Leader: We will go forth together to share our hope—
People: a hope that lives forever.

Prelude

Shepherd of Love

John W. Peterson



Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



#### **Opening Prayer**

Jesus, you are our one true refuge, our fortress against the storm. Enable us to fight the good fight when the forces of evil surround us. Strengthen us from the power of our doubts and misgivings. Be our rock and salvation, that we might know your unshakable kingdom. Amen.

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### Chorus

#### He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise.
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad,
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

#### Children's Message

Pastor Juliann

#### Scripture Lesson

Luke 12:32-40

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those servants.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

**Duet** – Eva McKnight and Alice Woods Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Gabaraim

Message

A Flock of Soldiers

Pastor Juliann

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

God the Almighty

Gary Davidson

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!

### A Service of Word and Table

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

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord





#### **Benediction**

#### Postlude

"Darwall"

Healy Willan

We are blessed to have the Rev. Juliann Henry with us in worship this morning! Pastor Juliann is a fully ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church and is the Manager of Pastoral Care at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center. She also once served as AUMC's Assistant Pastor.

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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:



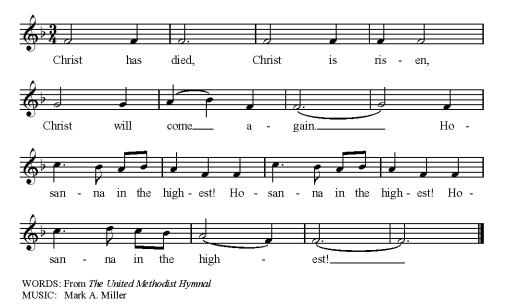
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The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes: And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and

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**