

Sunday, March 5, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*PRELUDE Hymn #464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

People: We praise you, O God, for the meaning that you give to our lives in and through Jesus. He is the sign of your deep and everlasting love for the world, and we rejoice in his promise to sustain us with his life.

Leader: We are here to praise you, Gracious Lord, for filling our emptiness with your goodness.

People: May our worship and praise express our full thanks, O God, for your gift to us of the true bread from heaven, Jesus our living Lord.

Leader: Let's affirm we agree with these words, standing ready to give honor to God as we all say,

All: "Amen!"

*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we will be, so that we may take joy in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hymn #370 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Jesus Changes Everything For the Discouraged"
Scripture: John 6:16-25

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING

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Hymn #80 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Instrumental

Some of our worship elements today are adapted from the writings of Moira Laidlaw, posted at <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au>; Bruce Prewer at

<http://www.bruceprewer.com>; The Book of Common Worship; Ann
Siddall at <https://stillpointsa.org.au>

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