



Preparation for Worship

No one longs for what he or she already has, and yet the accumulated insight of those wise about the spiritual life suggests that the reason so many of us cannot see the red X that marks the spot is because we are standing on it. The treasure we seek requires no lengthy expedition, no expensive equipment, no superior aptitude or special company. All we lack is the willingness to imagine that we already have everything we need. The only thing missing is our consent to be where we are.

Barbara Brown Taylor, from *An Altar in the World*

Prelude

Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down
Sean Cator

arr. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the friendship register

We Gather in God's Name

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Praise Song *One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)* Praise Band

Call to Worship

One: Where there is despair and hopelessness,
where there is sadness and grief,

Many: Help us to bring the light of Christ.

One: Where there is sickness and suffering, where there is hurt
and hatred, hunger and emptiness, prejudice and cruelty,

Many: Help us to bring the light of Christ.

One: O Lord, so fill us with your love, your peace, and your goodness that
doubt and mistrust may be dispelled within us.

Many: Grant that we might both see Christ's light and be Christ's light in a
world of strife.

One: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #11 *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

† Prayer of Confession

God, who is full of compassion, we seek your presence, forgiveness, and mercy. When in our excesses we consume more than our share while others go with basic needs unmet, forgive us, merciful God. When we are blinded by our affluence and fail to reach out in care and concern, forgive us, merciful God. When we are overwhelmed by desires to acquire and consume more than we need, forgive us, merciful God. When possessions cloud our view of you and your gracious love, forgive us, merciful God.

Lord, make us forever grateful, open-hearted with compassion, open-minded with acceptance and care, open-handed with generosity.

In your name we pray, Amen.

† Assurance of Forgiveness

One Voice: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting unto everlasting.
As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed
our transgression from us. In the name of Jesus Christ,
we are all forgiven.

Many voices: Thanks be to God!

† Response #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem

Back to the Church in the Wildwood
Chancel Choir

arr. McDonald

Children's Message

Scott Peterson

Scripture Lesson

Luke 12:16-21

† Hymn #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 19:16-22

Sermon

Who 'Wins?'

Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Build My Life

Praise Band

† Response #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

† Prayer of Dedication

Rachel Amatuzzi

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Depart To Serve God

† Parting Hymn #700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

† Benediction

Postlude

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord
Sean Cator

arr. Hayes



The flowers are dedicated in
Loving Memory of Betty Vassel
By the Betty Vassel Fan Club

Your greeters today were The Jacobs Family
Eric, Jamie, Avery, Harper, and Reagan



IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY - We are very glad you chose to worship with us! Please sign our friendship register so that we can greet you by name and call on you if you desire. If you need help, please call on an usher for assistance.

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - Please ask an usher for a Worship Bag. For infants through 3-year-olds, our Nursery is downstairs in Room 5.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - Children through 3rd grade have their own worship time following the Children's Message in the sanctuary. Please pick children up following worship—K-3rd graders will be in Room 14, and younger children in Room 5.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH - Classes for 5-year-olds through adults are offered at 9:15 a.m. from 2nd Sunday in September to the 3rd Sunday in May. Please check the Youth bulletin boards in the main level hallway to see the Youth schedule.

PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!

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