



### **Preparation for Worship**

Jesus shows us the way to be *in* the world without being *of* it. When we model our lives on his, a new world will open up for us. The Kingdom of Heaven will be ours, and the earth will be our inheritance. We will be comforted and have our fill; mercy will be shown to us. Yes, we will be recognized as God's children and truly see God, not just in an afterlife, but here and now (see Matthew 5:3-10). That is the reward of modeling our lives on the life of Jesus!

Henri J. M. Nouwen

Prelude

Sean Cator

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

SMS (Shine)

Praise Band

### Call to Worship

Leader: With what shall we come before the Lord?

People: Shall we bring burnt offerings or calves a year old?

Leader: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams?

People: Or ten thousand rivers of oil?

Leader: Mortals, God has shown us what is good.

What does the Lord require?

People: To do justice,

and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with our God.

### † Hymn #372

*O for a World*

### † Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are too often divided, too easily offended, too quick to judge. We readily recognize the faults and prejudices of our neighbors, even as we are blind to our own. We sow our opinions freely and listen too little. We do not actively cultivate kindness. Forgive us.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that the barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease, and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### † Assurance of Forgiveness

One Voice: The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Many Voices: Thanks be to God!

### † Response #582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

## We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem	<i>Walk by Faith</i> Chancel Choir	Williams/Raney
Children's Message		John Machado
Recognition of Cindi Bryant for receiving her <i>Certification in Spiritual Direction</i>		
Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 61:1-4	
† Hymn #172	<i>Blest Are They</i>	
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 5:1-12	
Sermon	<i>The Messiah's Manifesto</i>	Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick
Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Living Hope</i>	Praise Band
† Response #609	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
† Prayer of Dedication		Nancy Machado
Invitation to the Table		
Prayer		
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper		
Prayer		

## We Depart To Serve God

† Parting Hymn #754	<i>Help Us Accept Each Other</i>	
† Benediction		
Postlude		Sean Cator



The flowers are dedicated to Betty Vassel. Her friendship and tireless dedication to Grace is treasured by many.

Your greeters today were Laura Senich and Judy Riekse.  
Last week your greeter was Cramer Gilmore.



*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 second Sunday in September to the third 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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