

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*) *Adapted from the Barmen Declaration*  
Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear, and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness he is also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Unison*)  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**OFFERING** *Keep Your Lamps* arr., Benjamin A. Tucker

**\*DOXOLOGY 609** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNSERFREUEN  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN 697** "Take My Life" HENDON  
(verses 1, 3, 5, 6)

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING HYMN 853** "We Are Marching in the Light of God" SIYAHAMBA  
We are marching in the light of God; We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching, Oh! We are marching in the light of God.  
(repeat)

**\*POSTLUDE**

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\* denotes standing as able.  
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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE

11:00am Worship

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*In Service, Faith, and Grace*

arr., Cathy Moklebust

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Before a word is spoken, our lives are already telling a story.

**Our buildings, our budgets, our calendars —  
they speak of what we value and whom we trust.**

But today we remember a deeper truth:

**We belong not to fear, not to scarcity, not to any Caesar.**

**We belong to the One whose image we bear —  
the crucified and risen Christ, the Heart of our life together.**

Let us lift our voices, our hopes, our whole selves:

**Christ is our center, our courage, and our home.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 268

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)* **Holy and gracious God, you have stamped your image upon us and called us into the life of Christ. Yet we confess that we often live as if we belong to lesser powers — to worry, to scarcity, to the anxious logic of “not enough.” We treat our resources as if they were ours alone. We forget that our common life is meant to bear your hospitality, your justice, your joy. Forgive us, O God. Reclaim all that we are and all that we have. Shape our buildings, our budgets, and our life together so that they reflect the reign of Christ — the reign of love and welcome. In your mercy, make us whole. In your grace, make us bold. In your Spirit, make us yours, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*[Silent prayers of confession]*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

Whose image do you bear?

**The image of God.**

Whose claim is on you?

**The claim of Christ's redeeming love.**

Friends, hear the good news:

No power can erase the image of God within you.

No fear can cancel the grace that holds you.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven —**

**set free to live with courage and generosity.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*PRAISE HYMN 582 “Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines On Me” VASILE

1. **Glory to God whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

2. **World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.**

## LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible pp. 491—492) Psalm 24

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p.960) Luke 20: 20-26

PROCLAMATION

*Every, Only, All for Thee*  
(Sermon #8 of the Built Together Series)

Rev. Tom Buchanan

\*HYMN 301

“Let Us Build a House”

TWO OAKS