



ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

Assisted listening devices are available in the sound booth.

PRELUDE

Meditation on Bach's First Prelude

Arr. by Preston Orem

† CALL TO WORSHIP

† Indicates the congregation should stand.

L: Shout with joy,

P: for God has blessed us.

L: Sing with praise,

P: for God is here.

L: Worship and pray,

P: for God is listening.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 617

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

† PRAYER

Blessed God, thank You for blessing us in so many ways. Thank You for trusting us to be Your people, to shine with Your love, and to work for Your justice. In this time of worship, guide and strengthen us, that we may go forth to bless Your world fully and abundantly. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

† PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Blessed with God's love, let's share signs and blessings of love with others, now in this time of worship and in the week ahead.

L: The peace of Christ is here among us.

P: Thanks be to God.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE WORD

Blessings are not divvied up according to righteousness, status, or identity but rather given freely and fully as gifts of grace. They are to be shared with others. As one who was "blessed to be a blessing" to the nations, Abraham travels to a new land with a new promise from God. This blessing, given through faith and grace rather than any particular righteousness on Abraham's part, is a blessing to be shared with every nation.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 12:1-5a

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Voyaging into Deep Space in Our Enterprise of Faith

Pastor Markus Wegenast

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

OFFERTORY

I Love You, Lord

Arr. by Fred Bock

† DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

† INVITATION

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

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.

All pray in silence

L: 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 forgiven!

P: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

† THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

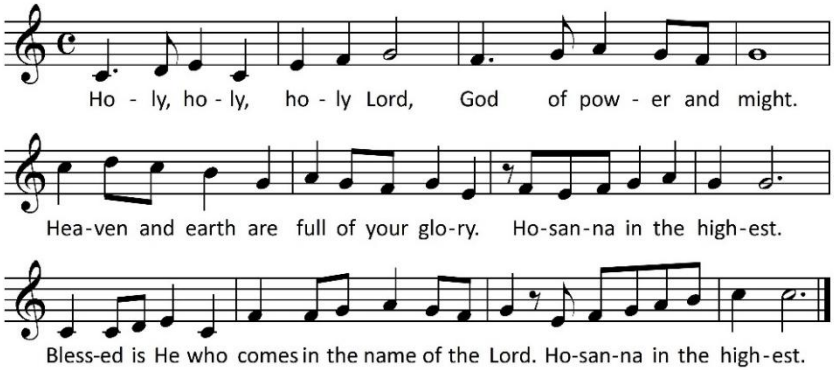
L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth....And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Congregation is seated

Holy are You and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ....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.



Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain!

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine....Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



A - men, A - men, A - - - men!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery, in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO FORTH WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 467

Trust and Obey

TRUST AND OBEY

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Music by Wayne Wold

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IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Cathy Rosenbaum, *Guest Organist*

David Eberhardt, *Director of Contemporary Worship*

Gordon Stokely, *Presentation Operator*

Troy Travis, *Video Mixer*

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