

CAST
IDOLS

NO OTHER
GODS

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YOUR

NO OTHER
GODS

8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, March 17th

PRELUDE

“Rock of Ages”

arr. Gordon Young

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven earth.**

P: I acknowledged my sin to You,

C: **and I did not cover my iniquity;**

P: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: In the darkness of the world around us and amid our own blindness to His will and ways, God calls us to confess our sins.

C: **Return the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Moment of Silent Confession

P: O almighty God, merciful Father:

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has been so merciful to us by giving His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiven all our sins. By the power of His Holy Spirit, He has worked faith in our hearts, and transformed us to live as His disciples, reminding us always that in Jesus Christ, our Savior, our sins are forgiven and we are now called to live a new life in His truth and grace. May He continue to strengthen us, forgive us, and renew us to live as His beloved and redeemed children.

C: Amen.

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace we have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For peace among the families of the nations and in coming generations, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who rejoice here for our access by faith into this grace in which we stand, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: By Your purposeful suffering, rejection, death, and resurrection—help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE “Called to Remember”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Timothy 6:2b-10 [ESV]

Teach and urge these things. If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21 [ESV]

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

CREEDAL HYMN “We Believe in One True God”

SERMON “THE IDOL OF BELONGINGS”

OFFERING

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“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Joel Raney

Bradley Anderson & Marie Rogers

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

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Organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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