



**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

arr. Robert Hobby

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### OPENING HYMN “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

### 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: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith and confess our sins unto God our Father, that we may receive His forgiveness.

C: **O most merciful God, we believe Your Word is true for it reveals our sin for which we deserve Your rebuke and judgment. Yet even more, we believe in Your promise of mercy and forgiveness for the sake of Christ. We therefore confess to You all our sins. We plead the suffering and sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as the all-sufficient price of our redemption, and beg Your grace and forgiveness for the sake of faith in our Savior alone. Hear us in Your mercy and according to Your promise in Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**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 Corinthians 14:12b-20 [ESV]**

So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **VERSE RESPONSE “Return Unto the Lord”**

### **HOLY GOSPEL John 17:16-21 [ESV]**

R: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John:

**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

## **CREEDAL HYMN “We Believe in One True God”**

### **SERMON**

### **OFFERING CONNECT**

### **OFFERTORY**

“How Can I Keep From Singing”

arr. Karen Buckwalter

*Dona Nobis Pacem Handbells*

### **PRAYERS of the CHURCH**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

### **WORDS of INSTITUTION**

### **THE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**AGNUS DEI**

**DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

“EBENEZER (*with Beethoven’s Moonlight Sonata*)”  
*Piano*

arr. Williams

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

**POSTLUDE**

“Be Still, My Soul”

*Piano*

arr. Lloyd



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