

## **THE GATHERING**

Prelude: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus with Open Your Eyes*

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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Passing of the Peace

### **PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**

**\*Call to Worship: (from Hebrews 12:1-2)**

Bobby Taylor

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,  
**who inspired us by faith to resist sin and evil.**  
May we journey together the path before us,  
**looking to Jesus, the pioneer and protector of our faith.**  
For Christ endured the cross for us,  
**and is seated at the right hand of God.**  
Come, worship the God known to our ancestors,  
**whose love is known to us now and always.**

**\*Hymn of Praise # 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

ELLACOMBE

[https://youtu.be/9r0\\_7KxM8E8](https://youtu.be/9r0_7KxM8E8) - Congregational singing, Grace Community Church - Sun Valley, California

I sing the mighty power of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below  
but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne,  
while all that borrows life from thee  
is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be,  
thou, God, art present there.

**Call to Confession:**

There is nothing, nothing, which can divide us – in life and death - from God. So let us confess our worst faults and eager failings, so we may be touched by the healing power of God. Join me as we pray together.

### **Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**We want to touch the hem of your garment, O God; forgive us for being afraid to touch those who come to us for hope. We want to love the whole world; forgive us for ignoring our neighbor. We long for peace; forgive us for the pain we inflict on our families and friends. We want to share with those we love and like; forgive us for walking past those who need you most.**

**Forgive us, Loving God, for we do not excel in everything you call us to do. Give us grace to touch those who frighten us; to carry the Bread of Life to the hungry; to offer the blessings of the kingdom to everyone we meet, even as you have graced us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior (moment of silent confession). Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon: (from Lamentations 3:22-24)**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in God." God's mercies are renewed every morning, and God's love is steadfast, never-ceasing, enduring forever.

**We are forgiven, loved, and restored. Let us go and share God's love and mercy with the world that desperately needs it. Amen.**

### **Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 621 *I Will Call Upon the Lord***

I WILL CALL

[https://youtu.be/x-1\\_zgezvOY](https://youtu.be/x-1_zgezvOY) - Divine Hymns

**I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)**

**Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)**

**So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO)**

**I will call upon the Lord.**

**(Repeat)**

**The Lord liveth**

**And blessed be my Rock**

**And let the God of my salvation be exalted**

**(Repeat)**

**Ordination and Installation of Elders, Class of 2023: Carroll Berkley, Linda Drivas, and Gene Hodges**

## ***THE WORD PROCLAIMED***

### **First Lesson: Psalm 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

### **Choir Anthem: *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus***

arr. by Austin C. Lovelace

<https://youtu.be/JpcJGb05GLo> - Krista Stolarski

### **Second Lesson: Mark 5:21-43**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately

aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

**Sermon: "Healing Moments" (PDF attachment)**

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### ***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Sections 1 & 2 of the Brief Statement of Faith (page 37, Glory to God Hymnal)**

**\*Hymn of Meditation # 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant***

THE SERVANT SONG

<https://youtu.be/32jWTAIHxgE> - First Plymouth Church, Lincoln Nebraska

**Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

#### **Prayers of the People:**

Lord Jesus Christ, when you walked on dusty roads or sat by glistening waters, you met people where they were. When you bent down low to touch the leper, or raised your eyes to touch Zacchaeus' heart, or felt the touch of the bleeding woman, heaven and earth were met.

And so our prayer today is that our world will know your healing touch and your forgiving heart.

That those who have been hurt by insincere actions and damning words will hear your healing voice.

That those whose lives are filled with dark thoughts, or unimaginable fears, will know your peace.

Walk beside those who are close to giving up hope and where life seems to have no point; where people struggle to make ends meet and fear what is next.

And may all who weep and mourn, or feel abandoned and unloved, turn towards your voice, move towards your arms and hear the whisper of your presence in the long hours of night.  
We pray for all who are in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit this day. May your healing touch be made known to them through all the channels of care you provide, whether it be medical, psychological, or physical.

Inspire us and encourage us to bend down low; to embrace those for whom society has no time or patience.

Raise our eyes upwards to see the struggling patient and the exhausted care giver. And where young and old stumble and fall, may we be there to offer support, that all will know your love that transcends all others.

It is in your holy name, we pray, as you taught your disciples to pray, Our Father... Amen.

### **Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology # 609**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

**From our present abundance, we offer our gifts to you, Generous God, so that the hungry might be fed, so that the broken might find healing, and so the grieving might be comforted. Amen.**

## ***THE SENDING***

**\*Closing Hymn # 450 *Be Thou My Vision***

SLANE

<https://youtu.be/Optrm7lF16s> - Audrey Assad

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Now to God who is able to do far more abundantly  
than all that we ask or think,  
according to the power at work within us,  
to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.  
(Ephesians 3:20-21)