

PROCLAIMING

SERMON

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RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

With what shall we bring our praise and honor to God? As we bring offerings and gifts this day, we are invited to reflect on the myriad ways we might offer our words, our actions, our lives, and our very being in praise and honor to God.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Glorious God, we thank you for trusting us to reflect your glory. For claiming us as your own with all of creation, we give you thanks and praise. As you receive these gifts and offerings, receive us also. Blessing all together, that our gifts and our lives might be a blessing that honors and glorifies you.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Leader: Brilliant children of light, go now to shine with God's glory and love.

People: **We will shine brightly and love freely.**

Leader: Honor God with all that you say and do.

People: **We will make the world a better and a brighter place for all to live.**



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Danish Amen"

No. 898

*CLOSING HYMN

"Victory in Jesus"

No. 370, vs. 1 & 3

*POSTLUDE

"Heroic March"

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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask an usher or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us.

May God bless your experience in worship with us today.

We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

THANK YOU TO KIM VIEHLAND FOR BRINGING THE MORNING MESSAGE.

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD!

JULY 11, 2021
11:15AM
ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING

PRELUDE "A Mighty Fortress" J.G. Walther
(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

Leader: All the earth belongs to the Lord, the Creator!
People: Let us rejoice in the wonder of creation!
Leader: Gather your hearts together to praise God's wondrous love!

HYMN "My Tribute" No. 99
*To God be the glory, to God be the Glory,
to God be the glory for the things he has done.
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me;
to God be the glory for the things he has done.*

Leader: To God, be the glory now and forever.
People: Amen! Amen!

PRAISING

HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 577

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and worship the God of wisdom.
People: We bow before the wisdom beyond our comprehension.
Leader: Come and worship the God who does not condemn.
People: We, who are so quick to condemn others, stand in awe.
Leader: Come and worship the God who offers mercy and grace to all.
People: We come knowing how much we need God's grace and mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

We come to worship you, O God, and to praise you for your wisdom that withholds condemnation of us sinners. Your mercy is everlasting, and you always find in us the possibility of redemption. Fill us with your spirit of wisdom that we may look for possibilities in others and see them as your children. Amen.

INTROIT "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" No. 176

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess to God and before one another our sins and especially the ways in which we let our anger destroy our wisdom.

GENERAL CONFESSION

We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. We have allowed our anger to rule us. Afraid that we don't measure up, we take major offense at the smallest slight, real or imagined. We abuse others with our harsh words and actions, always assuming that we are in the right. Forgive us and so fill us with your Spirit that we may accept ourselves and others as your children. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We are God's children, all of us. We are forgiven and accepted by our God. Receive the power of God's spirit to live in community with God and all God's people.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE "Blessed Assurance" No. 369, v. 1

HEARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts,
People: that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Thy Word" No. 601 (Refrain only)
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"

FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" No. 186
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Leader: The Lord be with you,
People: and also with you.
Leader: A reading from the Gospel of St. Mark.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ Mark 6:14-29

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Leader: The Gospel of the living Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70