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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Stain

Text:

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.*

Greeting

God is good.

All the time.

And all the time.

God is good.

Call To Worship

In Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all creation, the Church seeks a new openness to God's mission in the world.

In Christ, the triune God tends the least among us, suffers the curse of human sinfulness, raises up a new humanity, and promises a new future for all creation.

In Christ, Church members share with all humanity the realities of creatureliness, sinfulness, brokenness, and suffering, as well as the future toward which God is drawing them.

The mission of God pertains not only to the Church but also to people everywhere and to all creation.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn #305 Come Sing, O Church, In Joy**

**1. Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!**

Refrain:

**In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!**

**2. Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,**

**empowering us to catch the vision,
dream the dream! (Refrain)**

**3. Let courage be our friend;
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified! (Refrain)**

**4. Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er
the ages long! (Refrain)**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

Dear God, we realize there can never be an end to hunger and homelessness, but we pray that there would be more effort to feed the needy. We pray that refugees are treated fairly and provided care. We pray for a world that clean water and air is not scarce and available for all. We pray that those who have plenty can modify their habits to consume less of the Earth's resources. We pray that more people would be willing to give and share with others. We pray that clothing will be provided to those who need it. We pray that attacks on women's rights and health will not be overlooked. We pray that our entrepreneurial efforts will consider those in need. Forgive us when we fail to do these things as individuals and as a society. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you. (A sign of peace is exchanged.)

***Response: Hymn #547 Go, My Children, With My Blessing (verse 2)**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Here you heard my dear Son's story;
 here you touched him, saw his glory.
 Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

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Children's Chat

Second reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

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Sermon

Pass The Torch

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #172 Blest Are They

**1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!**

**2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill. (Refrain)**

**3. Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God. (Refrain)**

**4. Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs. (Refrain)**

**5. Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see. (Refrain)**

Affirmation of Faith /Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Musical Offering

Go Down, Moses
Chancel Choir
Chris Nomura, solo

arr. Christian Ashely-Botha

***Praise God (Hymn #608)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise Christ, all people here below;
 praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***Prayer of Dedication and Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SENDING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Sending the Church into Mission

The Mission of Prospect Church

To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.

***Hymn #275 A Might Fortress Is Our God**

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
 a bulwark never failing.
 Our helper he, amid the flood
 of mortal ills prevailing.
 For still our ancient foe
 doth seek to work us woe.
 His craft and power are great,
 and armed with cruel hate,
 on earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
 our striving would be losing,
 were not the right man on our side,
 the man of God's own choosing.
 Dost ask who that may be?
 Christ Jesus, it is he.
 Lord Sabaoth his name,
 from age to age the same,
 and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
 should threaten to undo us,
 we will not fear, for God hath willed
 his truth to triumph through us.
 The Prince of Darkness grim,
 we tremble not for him.
 His rage we can endure,
 for lo, his doom is sure.
 One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,
 no thanks to them, abideth.
 The Spirit and the gifts are ours
 through him who with us sideth.
 Let goods and kindred go,
 this mortal life also.
 The body they may kill;
 God's truth abideth still.
 His kingdom is forever.

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

Hymn #305, "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" v 2

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Postlude

Fantasia on Ein Feste Burg is unser Gott

Michael Burkhardt

(A Mighty Fortress is our God)