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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude *Partita on "St. George's Windsor-Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

Greeting

God is good.
All the time.
And all the time.
God is good.

Call To Worship

The Lord God is our shepherd.
We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.
God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.
But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn #263 All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name!

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

3. Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

4. O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

*Call to Confession

*Confession of Sin

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others.
Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

*Words of Grace

in Jesus Christ we 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 vs 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: Ephesians 1:15-23

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The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Children's Chat

Laura Peifer

Second reading: Matthew 25:31-46

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The Word of God for the people of God.

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Sermon

What Kind of Kingdom?

Jared Peifer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #186 Come Now, You Blessed**

**1. "Come now, you blessed, eat at my table,"
said Jesus Christ to the righteous above.
"When I was hungry, thirsty, and homeless,
sick and in prison, you showed me your love."**

**2. When did we see you hungry or thirsty?
When were you homeless, a stranger alone?
When did we see you sick or in prison?
What have we done that you call us your own?**

**3. "When you gave bread to earth's hungry
children,
when you gave shelter to war's refugees,
when you remembered those most forgotten,
you cared for me in the smallest of these."**

**4. Christ, when we see you out on life's
roadways,
looking to us in the faces of need,
then may we know you, welcome, and show you
love that is faithful in word and in deed.**

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

Children of our Heavenly Father

arr. James E. Clemens

*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 #269 Lead On, O King Eternal**

**1. Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.**

**2. Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;**

**for not with swords' loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.**

**3. Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!**

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

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

**Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

Postlude