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Worship Focus

“Now Appearing” ... The Preacher, who says, “Trust”



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✠ **Gathering** ✠

OPENING HYMN

395 - Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may To find a way
2 Seek whom you may To be your stay;
3 Seek him a - lone, Who did a - tone,
4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright,



That leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is
None can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers
Who did your souls de - liv - er; Oh, seek him
Je - sus, you are for - ev - er. Not wealth or



stilled; On Christ I build— He is the
failed; This man pre - vailed, The God - Man,
first, All you who thirst For grace that
pride Or aught be - side Our bond of



one foun - da - tion. His Word is sure; His
and none oth - er. The Ser - vant - Lord Our
fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry need Seek
love shall sev - er. You are my Lord; Your



works en - dure. He will o'er - throw My
 life re - stored. We're jus - ti - fied, For
 him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart He
 pre - cious Word Shall be my guide What -



ev - 'ry foe; Through him I more than con - quer.
 he has died, The guilt - less for the guilt - y.
 will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
 e'er be - tide. Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust you!

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635, abr.; tr. Arthur P. Voss, 1899–1955, alt.
 Tune: SUCH, WER DA WILL (447 447 44 447) Johann Stobäus, 1580–1646, alt.

INVOCATION

Minister The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M For the blessed conviction that you are the Son of God, and that you were born in Bethlehem to keep the Law of God perfectly in our place and to give you life into death for our redemption, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M For the determination to proclaim the Gospel of forgiveness to all the world and to administer the Sacraments faithfully according to your institution, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M For your blessing on us as a fellowship of believers united in you, eager to do your will, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M Merciful Lord, open our eyes to behold your glory as the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing,
 2 Fa - ther, oh, hear me, Par - don and spare me;



Wealth, peace, and glad - ness, Com - fort in sad - ness;
 Calm all my ter - rors, Blot out my er - rors



These are your works and bring glo - ry to you.
 That by your eyes they may no more be scanned.



Times with - out num - ber, We wake or we slum - ber,
 Or - der my go - ings; Di - rect all my do - ings.



Your eye ob - serves us, From dan - ger pre - serves us,
 As best it may be, Re - tain or re - lease me;



Shin - ing up - on us a love that is true.
 All I com - mit to your fa - ther - ly hand.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.
 Tune: DIE GULDNE SONNE (PM) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–76.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

✘ The Word ✘

FIRST LESSON

Micah 6:1-8

God is not interested in the sacrifice of our wealth, but in hearts that are humble.

MICAH 6:1 Listen to what the LORD says: “Stand up, plead your case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. ² Hear, O mountains, the LORD’s accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the LORD has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel.

³ “My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me. ⁴ I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam. ⁵ My people, remember what Balak king of Moab counseled and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.”

⁶ With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

⁸ He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

PSALM 1

The Man is Ever Blest

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., Public Domain

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| 1 The man is ever blest
Who shuns the sinners’ ways,
Among their counsels never stands,
Nor takes the scorners’ place, | 4 Not so the wicked man!
He no such blessing finds.
His hopes shall flee like empty chaff
Before the driving winds. |
| 2 But makes the law of God
His study and delight
Amid the labors of the day
And watches of the night. | 5 How will he bear to stand
Before that judgment seat
Where all the saints at Christ’s right hand
In full assembly meet? |
| 3 He like a tree shall thrive
With waters near the root.
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live;
His works are heav’nly fruit. | 6 God knows and he approves
The way the righteous go,
But sinners and their works shall meet
A dreadful overthrow. |

SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 1: 26-31

God brought salvation, the greatest "blessing," to and through lowly things.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:26 Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, abr., alt., Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-79, REGENTS SQUARE (87 87 87) CW 80, Public Domain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new-born King!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

*Listen closely to what the Preacher says! He's not defeatist but understand that the weaker you are, the stronger God is in your life.
The weaker you are now, the more ready you are to trust in a future reward.*

MATTHEW 5:1 Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

415 - Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul, though dear - est friends de - part
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 To guide the fu - ture as he has the past.
 And all is dark - ened in the vale of tears;
 When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



Leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence, let noth - ing shake;
 Then you will bet - ter know his love, his heart,
 When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
 All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your fears.
 Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly friend
 Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
 Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 His voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.
 From his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
 All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Text: Catharina A. von Schlegel, 1697–1752, abr.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.
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✠ Sermon ✠

Matthew 5:1-12

Be Blessed!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

✠ Prayers ✠

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**



✠ The Sacrament ✠

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*) and



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

758 - Blest Are They

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it;
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones;
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy;
 4 Blest are they who seek peace;
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate

Theirs is the king - dom of God.
 They shall in - her - it the earth.
 Mer - cy shall be theirs.
 They are the chil - dren of God.
 All be - cause of me. Re -

Blest are they, full of sor - row;
 Blest are they, who hun - ger and thirst;
 Blest are they, the pure of heart;
 Blest are they who suf - fer in faith; the
 joy and be glad. Yours is the king - dom;

They shall be con - soled.
 They shall have their fill.
 They shall see God!
 glo - ry of God is theirs.
 Shine for all to see.

Refrain

Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you; ho - ly are you. Re -

joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God.

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Tune: BLEST ARE THEY (Irregular)
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✘ Sending ✘

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

446 - I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, Trust -
 2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; At
 3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing In
 4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; You
 5 I am trust - ing you for pow - er; You



ing on - ly you, Trust - ing you for
 your feet I bow, For your grace and
 the crim - son flood, Trust - ing you who
 a - lone shall lead, Ev - 'ry day and
 can nev - er fail. Words which you your -



full sal - va - tion, Free and true.
 ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
 made me ho - ly By your blood.
 hour sup - ply - ing All my need.
 self shall give me Must pre - vail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
 Never let me fall.
 I am trusting you forever
 And for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.
 Tune: STEPHANOS (85 83) Henry W. Baker, 1821–77.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.