Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

PRELUDE

The Good Shepherd

G.F. Handel, arr. E.P. Biggs

WELCOME

INTROIT

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Thomas Tallis

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light: look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done. *Horatio Bonar* 

CALL TO WORSHIP read responsively

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah vss. 1 & 2 CWM RHONDDA

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION read in unison

God of living water, we confess the dryness of our lives: the brittle words we have thought and spoken, the relationships that are crumbling, the arid perspective that centers on self, the cracked and jagged edges of our world.

Hear our confession, O Christ. Remind us to turn our ways back to you, your call, your path, and rain down your mercy upon us.

Time for silent prayer.

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS read responsively

Come, all you who are thirsty. If you take the first step, if you are willing to plunge once again into the waters and emerge into new life, you will receive a love beyond all you can envision.

We turn our hearts to God and by grace our hungers are satisfied, our thirsts are sated; through Christ we are made whole; by the Spirit we are led forth as God's people. Amen.

\*RESPONSE HYMN 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, vs. 3 Cwm Rhondda

Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises,

I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

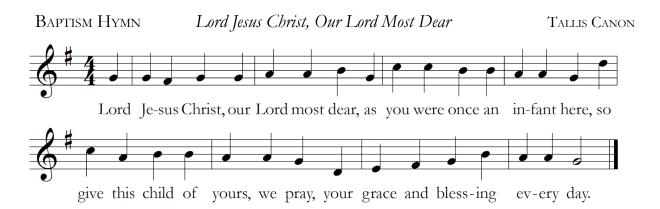
Keaton Lee Hunt Mayer daughter of Sasha Bjork-Mayer & Brooks Mayer

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH read in unison when invited The 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; 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.



#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE read responsively

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you.

## The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	Speak, O Lord	K. Getty & S. Townend
Jim R	littenhouse, soloist	arr. John Ferguson
Speak, O I	Lord, as we come to You	
To receive the food of Your holy Word.		
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us,		
Shape and	fashion us in Your likeness,	
That the li	ght of Christ might be seen tod	lay
In our acts	s of love and our deeds of faith	
Speak, O I	Lord, and fulfill in us	
All Your p	ourposes for Your glory.	
FIRST READING		Isaiah 55:1–7
The word of the Lord. Thank	s be to God.	

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Can You Hear Me Now?

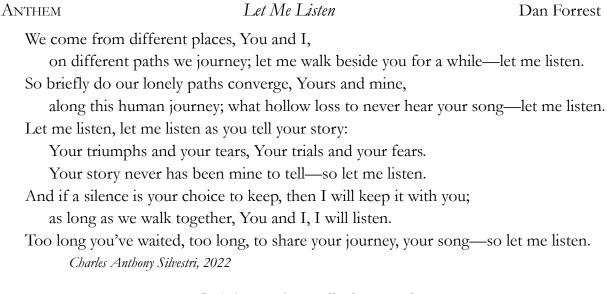
John 4:1-30

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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\*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### SHARING GRACE

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** 

Glen Chaney	Jack Feist	Ali Scinta
Sally Chaney	Ken Harrington	Lori Williams
Henrietta Connor	Remy Lamphere	Brad Williams
Dennis Dolan	Gil Lamphere	Lorie Williamson
Hannah Feist	David Rummler	Kathryn Wright



### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER read in unison

- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sending

\*HYMN 761

Called as Partners In Christ's Service

NETTLETON

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never falt'ring, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new pow'r and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Concerto Real

Antonio Soler, arr. E.P. Biggs

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world. You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.

# In Worship Today

### PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in honor of my wonderful husband Gene Smith, as we celebrate 31 years together, 26 in marriage on Thursday April 25, by Connie Smith.

**USHERS** 

Brad Hume, Glen Hume, Sandy Bailey, Roy Bowling, Ann Bowling, Sharon Clark

#### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists; Susan McDowell, lay reader

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. Samuel Libra, Organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

# We Lift Up in Prayer

Jennifer & Stuart Ferguson, and their children, Anabelle, Beau, and Elise, on the death of Jennifer's mother, Joyce Kneisley, 4/3/24.

Jean O'Brien and her family on the death of husband, John, 3/30/24. Becky and Amy Peer on the death of mother and grandmother, Jane Spires, 3/7/24. Jim Baker and family in the death of his wife, Patricia "Patsy", 2/27/24. Dee Dee Davis and her family on the death of her husband, Scott, 2/10/24.

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GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL



Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.