



\* INVOCATION PRAYER

Surrounded by a rich heritage of faith,  
we seek to know you, God, in this time of worship.  
Thankful for our spiritual ancestors,  
we return to our roots to find our true identity.  
We lay aside all that weighs us down and fills us with doubts  
so we can give attention to your call and your message.  
Meet us here, we pray. Amen

\* HYMN #463 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

\* CALL TO CONFESSION Chi Chi Nkemere

Sometimes we deceive ourselves with pious pretense,  
but God is not fooled.  
Sometimes we are led astray by the lies  
and empty promises of the marketplace,  
but God does not change the rules to accommodate our whims.  
We busy ourselves with our own agendas,  
but God continues to have a better plan for us.  
Stop now to evaluate your relationship with God.  
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, after all you have done for us,  
we have failed to bear fruit for you.  
We have turned away from your Word  
and have forgotten to call on your name.  
People who are weak, lonely, and destitute receive little help  
from our hands because we are preoccupied with our own concerns.  
Lift us from the shadows of our own deceptions  
and let your face shine on us so we may walk once more in your truth.

*(moment of silent confession)*

KYRIE ELEISON

John Merbecke

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

When we are penitent,  
God restores us to our rightful identity as children of the Most High.  
God lights a fire within us so we can change our world for the better.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, who endured the cross for us,  
we dare to come out of hiding to speak up for justice and peace.

**Alleluia and Amen!**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\* GLORIA #581 *Glory be to the Father* GREATOREX  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,  
people of generations before us who have given their all in faithfulness to God.  
Much is required of those who make a faith commitment.  
Much is required of us.  
We give, however, not out of fear or a sense of duty  
but because it is a joyful opportunity to express thanks for all we have received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Jubilate Deo*

Jay Althouse

Jubilate Deo. Jubilate Deo, Sing and rejoice.  
Sing we now in great exultation, Sing we now in one vibrant voice.  
Sing we now let all nations hear us, sing we now rejoice, and sing!  
Jubilate Deo, Sing and rejoice. May the music bring us together.  
May our songs bring peace ever more. May our voices ring to the heavens,  
Let the music soar. We sing! Rejoice and sing, rejoice. Jubilate Deo.

\* DOXOLOGY #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Chi Chi Nkemere

Gracious God,  
whose creative energy has filled all heaven and earth  
with good things for us to enjoy and share,  
we would honor you with our offerings.  
May the programs we initiate and the outreach we support  
bear fruits of justice and peace.  
We look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,  
as our model in facing all circumstances and giving ourselves for others. Amen.

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life;  
breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day.  
draw us into communion,  
enable us to love,  
conspire to make us one with You  
for the world You so deeply love. Amen.

THE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture

[Isaiah 5:1-7](#)

(Pg. 702 or LP Pg. 634)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

*We Come, O Christ*

Russell Schulz-Widmar

We come, O Christ, as people seeking some sign of blessing on our lives,  
yet scarcely pause to hear you speaking or wait until your time arrives:  
help us let go, help us be still, in patience may we learn your will.

To taste the cross within the chalice, to hear the music born of grief,  
to feel the hurt concealed by malice, to sense in doubt unripe belief:  
give us, O God, new hearts, new eyes; wake us to love and make us wise.

Renewing Spirit, come breathe through us with hope that heals, with faith that thrills;  
burn off the sins still clinging to us, transform our minds, convert our wills:  
so may your gifts of grace increase to send us forth in love and peace.

Unite our hearts and shape our living to share the yoke that sets us free:  
great Triune God, joined by self-giving, the life of true community,  
our many prayers at last make one: "Your Kingdome come, your will be done."

Gospel

[Luke 12:49-56](#)

(Pg. 77 or LP Pg. 75)

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"No Justice - No Peace"

"Know Justice - Know Peace"

\* HYMN #724

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...

**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.**

\* HYMN #720

*Jesus Calls Us*

GALILEE

\* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

God has planted and nurtured a splendid vineyard.

We are vines, expected to bear good fruit.

**No longer will we be choked out by thorns and briars.**

**Deceit and lies will not overcome us.**

God's Word is more powerful than fire or earthquake.

It is given to shake us from our complacency.

**We are aware of the weak and needy among us.**

**We are determined to work for justice.**

Let the one who knows God's Word speak faithfully.

May all who have heard the Word make response.

**God will restore us in time of difficulty.**

**God will perfect and equip us for our service.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace, and give you peace,  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,  
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.  
Amen

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary*

John Stanley

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