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We Welcome You To Worship With Us

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GATHERING: *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

GATHERING PRAYER: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS:

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

C. Amen.

P. If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

God our helper,

C. we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P. There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

C. Amen.

GATHERING HYMNS: **Swing Low Sweet Chariot**

I'll Fly Away

On Eagle's Wings

ELW 787

GREETING:

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy

Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P. Let us pray.

C. God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD: *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING Amos 8:4–7

A reading from Amos

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

My God and I

Living Praise pg. 24

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1–7

A reading from Timothy

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God.

(Please rise if you are able for the reading of the Gospel)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Rock of Ages

ELW 623

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1–13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for

yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: “Money, the Root of all Evil?”

(Please rise if you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY: How Great Thou Art

ELW 852

HYMN Amazing Grace

ELW 779

HYMN Standing in the Need of Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

P. God of grace.

C. hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD:

P. Let us Pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C. we give you thanks and praise.

P. By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C. we give you thanks and praise.

P. Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C. we give you thanks and praise.

P. Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C. Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN: **Precious Lord take my Hand** **ELW 773**

HYMN: **When Peace like a River** **ELW 784**

OFFERING: ***We Are an Offering*** **#692**

***We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you we are an offering
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to
you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.***

OFFERING PRAYER:

P. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C. Amen.

SENDING: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

BLESSING:

P. God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C. Amen.

HYMN: **Because He Lives**

HYMN **The Old Rugged Cross**

SENDING: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

BLESSING: Sung

P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine down on you with grace and bring you peace.

C. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine down on you with grace and bring you peace. Amen.

SENDING HYMNS: **Living for Jesus**

Jesus Loves Me **ELW 595**

This Little Light of Mine **ELW 677**

DISMISSAL:

P. Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE **You Are My Sunshine**