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**THE PRELUDE**

**Organist:** Raquel White

**OPENING HYMN:**

*Come and Behold Him*

**BOB#35**

**Come and behold Him; Come, see His glory.  
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.  
We will discover all of His beauty.  
His light will burn away all the darkness we've known.**

*Come and behold Him  
Come and behold Him  
Come with an honest heart  
to see all He is  
Come and behold Him  
wait now before Him  
Come with an honest heart  
To see all He is*

**Come and behold Him; Come, see His mercy.  
Come find His tenderness reaching to you.  
Just as a mirror shows a reflection,  
His Word and Spirit come, now reflecting His love. *Chorus.***

**\*THE INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**\*RESPONSIVE PSALM: *Psalm 150***

**C**

**P** Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens.  
Praise him for his acts of power,  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

**C** **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**P** Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
praise him with the harp and lyre.  
Praise him with tambourine and dancing,  
praise him with strings and flute,  
Praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
praise him with resounding cymbals.

**C** **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**P** Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, Praise the Lord.

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and will be forever. Amen**

**C** **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST READING: *Acts 8:26–40*

<sup>26</sup>Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” <sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## EPISTLE READING: *1 John 4:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. <sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent

his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

*Alleluia (Christ Is Risen)*

by Jerry Sinclair

- 1 Christ is risen, alleluia! Christ is risen, alleluia!  
Christ is risen, alleluia! Christ is risen, alleluia!**
- 2 He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior  
He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior  
He's my Savior, alleluia!**
- 3 I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him,  
I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him.  
I will praise Him, alleluia!**

**\*HOLY GOSPEL:** *John 15:1-8*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**\*NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I**

acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON HYMN

*The Potter's Hand*

by Darlene Zschech

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior,  
I know for sure, all of my days are held in Your hand, crafted  
Into Your perfect plan.  
You gently call me into Your presence, guiding me by Your Holy Spirit,  
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through Your eyes.  
I'm captured by Your Holy calling,  
Set me apart, I know You're drawing me to Yourself,  
Lead me, Lord I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me  
I give my life to the Potter's hand.  
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me,  
I give my life to the Potter's hand.

You gently call me into Your presence, guiding me by Your Holy Spirit,  
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through Your eyes.  
I'm captured by Your Holy calling.  
Set me apart, I know You're drawing me to Yourself,  
Lead me, Lord, I pray.

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I give my life to the Potter's hand.  
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me,  
I give my life to the Potter's hand.

### SERMON

### OFFERING

### \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### \*THE LORDS PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION HYMN:

Grace

by Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson,  
and Nikki Shepherd

1 Your grace that leads this sinner  
home,  
From death to life forever,  
And sings the song of righteousness,  
By blood and not by merit.

2 Your grace that reaches far and  
wide,  
To every tribe and nation,  
Has called my heart to enter in  
The joy of Your salvation  
*By grace I am redeemed  
By grace I am restored  
And now I freely walk  
Into the arms of Christ my Lord.*

3 Your grace that I cannot explain,  
Not by my earthly wisdom

the Prince of life, without a stain  
was traded for this sinner.

*By grace I am redeemed  
By grace I am restored  
And now I freely walk  
Into the arms of Christ my Lord.*

4 Let praise rise up and overflow,  
My song resound forever.  
For grace will see me welcomed  
home,  
to walk beside my Savior.

*By grace I am redeemed,  
By grace I am restored.  
And now I freely walk  
Into the arms of Christ my Lord.  
(Repeat x1)*

\*BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be  
gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.

**C** Amen.

CLOSING SONG:

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

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1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-  
4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear  
hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,  
veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,  
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,  
Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the  
Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and  
Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and  
wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-  
bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring  
com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your  
crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.  
us to tire-less striv-ing, Your a-bun-dant life to share.  
ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

