



**Call to Worship**  
**Time of Silence**

**Prelude**

**Liturgical Response**

**Pastor:** For God alone my soul waits in silence.

**Congregation Response:** from Him comes my salvation.  
Psalm 62:1

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**† Song**  
**“One Light”**

*One light shining for me  
Lighting the darkness  
Helping me see.*

*One light leading the way  
Out of the shadows  
into the day.*

*One light breaking the dawn,  
Born of a promise  
Leading us on.*

*One light faithful and true,  
Shining in glory, coming anew.*

*All we need is one light  
All we need is one light*

*All we need is one light, just one light.*

*One light leading the way out of the shadows into the day*

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**Presenting the Word**

**Worship Leader:** Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;

**Congregation:** It stands firm in the heavens forever!  
Psalm 119:89

**† Song #44 (LYH)**  
**Glorify Your Name”**

**“Lord,**

*Lord, glorify Your Name as we lift our hands in praise.  
Bring Your pow’r, bring Your holiness, bring Your glory to this  
place.*

*As we sing to You, hallelujah,  
we lift our voice to You, hallelujah.  
Lord, we sing to You, hallelujah, hallelujah.*

*Lord, glorify Your Name as we lift our hands in praise.  
Come in pow’r, come in holiness, come in glory to this place.  
As we sing to You, praise You, O Lord,  
we lift our voice to You, praise You, O Lord.  
Lord, we sing to You, praise You, O Lord, praise You, O Lord.*

*As we sing to You, hallelujah,  
we lift our voice to You, hallelujah.  
Lord, we sing to You, hallelujah, hallelujah.*

**† Song #90 (LYH)**  
**“I Believe in Jesus”**

*I believe in Jesus,  
I believe he is the Son of God,  
I believed he died and rose again,  
I believe he paid for us all.  
And I believe that he’s here now,  
Standing in our midst.  
Here with the power to heal now,  
And the grace to forgive.*

*I believe in you, Lord,  
I believe you are the Son of God,  
I believed you died and rose again,  
I believe you paid for us all.  
And I believe that you’re here now,  
Standing in our midst.  
Here with the power to heal now,  
And the grace to forgive.*

**Leader:** *This is our hope,*

**Response:** *To know Christ and make Him known.*

**Greeting:**

*You are somebody,  
somebody on the Lord's side.*

*You are somebody,  
Somebody on the Lord's side.*

**Leader:** *May the peace of Christ be with you.*

**Response:** *And also with you.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

- *Welcome to visitors.*
- *Installation of Officers today.*
- *Bea Feddy and Nathan Johnson teaching A Good and Beautiful God, for those interested in joining our church formally. Copies of the book are still available. This ten-week class is useful for anyone seeking spiritual formation and does not obligate you to join the church.*
- *Session Meeting today following worship service.*
- *Annual Meeting of the Corporation, Sunday, February 2 following worship service.*
- *2025 Envelopes: you can pick up your giving envelopes for 2025; they are on the windowsill outside of the Chapel. **Please remember to get rid of your 2024 boxes.***
- ***Minute for Mission:** Debbie Engel is sharing her gift of choosing the music that fits in the service*
- ***Per Capita and Initial Offering for 2025:***
  - *Per Capita: \$37.00*
  - *Initial Offering: \$9.00*
- ***Prayer Requests***

**Affirmation of Faith:**

**Pastor:** *God is good!*

**Response:** *All the time!*

**Pastor:** *All the time!*

**Response:** *God is good to me!*

**✠ Song**

**“Shout to the Lord”**

*My Jesus, my Saviour,  
Lord there is none like You.  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
Tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship You.*

*Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing,  
Power and majesty, praise to the King,  
Mountains bow down, and the seas will roar,  
At the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hand,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,  
Nothing compares to the promise I have  
In You.*

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**Confession of Sin**

**Invitation to Silent Confession: Assurance of Pardon:** God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us.

**Congregation Response:** Create in me a pure heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Amen!

**Assurance of Pardon; Worship Assistant:** Believe the good news, we are God's healed and forgiven people!

**Response to Pardon #609 (PH)  
"Doxology"**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

- **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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Consecration of Gifts:**

**The Bread and the Cup  
Offering**

**Worship Assistant:** For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!

Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him! Even more than this: Let us "present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!

**✠ Song #702 (PH)  
"Christ Be Beside Me"**

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,  
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

**Prayer of Dedication**

Story Time          "Struggling Towards the Sun"          Luke 3:7-17, 21-22

**✠ Song #525 (BH)  
"Here I Am, Lord"**

VS 1 – I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.  
I who made the star of night,  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Ref.: Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord.

If you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

Vs. 2 – I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I will borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my words to them.

Whom shall I send?

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Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord.

If you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

### **Installation of Officers**

✠ **Song #525 (BH)**

Vs. 3 – I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

Till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give My life to them.

Whom shall I send?

Ref.: Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord.

If you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

**"Here I Am, Lord"**

### **Scripture Lesson**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

#### **Hear the Word of the Lord!**

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,

<sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>17</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened,

<sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!**

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

**"Christ's Winnowing Fork"**

Fork"

✠ **Song #126 (LYH)**

**"Come, Share the Lord"**

We gather here, in Jesus' name.

His love is burning in our hearts like living flame.

For through his loving Son; the Father makes us one.

Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine. Come share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.

Finding our forgiveness, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here; he breaks the bread;

The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;

The one we love the most is now our gracious host;

Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine. Come share the Lord.

We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.

*Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.*

*We'll gather soon where angels sing;*

*We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King:*

*Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:*

*Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine. Come share the Lord.*

### **The Lord's Supper**

**Leader:** *The Lord be with you.*

**Congregation:** *And also with you.*

**Leader:** *Let us confess our faith.*

**Leader:** *Do you believe in one God, the Father Almighty?*

**Congregation:** *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

**Leader:** *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son?*

**Congregation:** *I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

**Leader:** *Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

**Congregation:** *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**Leader:** *Now, all who have confessed faith in Jesus Christ are invited to share in this bread and the cup when they are served and participate in the mystery of faith.*

**Congregation:** *Thanks be to God!*

**Leader:** *Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**Congregation:** *Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!*

### **Elements Are Served**

**Leader:** *Thanks be to God for the victory that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

**Response:** *O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!*

### **Charge and Benediction**

**✠ Song #134 (LYH)**  
**Travel from This Place"**

**"As You**

*As you travel from this place our love is with you.  
When you journey near at hand or far abroad.  
All the life we've shared together will continue,  
As you grow in the knowledge,  
Learn of the wisdom,  
And live in the spirit of our God.  
(repeat)*

### **Postlude**