

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

GREETING (2 KINGS 17:35-39)

"The Lord had made a covenant with them and commanded them, "You shall not worship other gods or bow yourselves to them or serve them or sacrifice to them, but you shall worship the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm; you shall bow yourselves to him, and to him you shall sacrifice. The statutes and the ordinances and the law and the commandment that he wrote for you, you shall always be careful to observe. You shall not worship other gods; you shall not forget the covenant that I have made with you. You shall not worship other gods, but you shall worship the Lord your God; he will deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies."

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER / BELL INTERLUDE

✦CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON ISAIAH 42:5-10)

Leader: Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

People: to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Leader: I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

People: Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth!

✦SONG OF PRAISE

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP, w/m by Tim Hughes

CALL TO CONFESSION (PSALM 123)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us.)*

PROCLAMATION OF GRACE (HEBREWS 12:1-3)

✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE

HYMN # 472 – *TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS*

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

"May the peace of Christ be with you...And, also with you."

At this time, the congregation may greet each other and exchange signs of peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING

2 CHRONICLES 32:1-8

Marcia Chiaudano, reader

Leader: Blessed are those who hear and keep what is written, in the light of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Message. Afterwards, preschool and elementary-aged children may go to Children's Chapel.

(As the children come forward for the Children's message, ushers will collect any written prayer requests. Forms are located in the pew pockets near the center aisle. Please raise your hand to let the ushers know to collect your prayer request.)

✦SONG OF FAITH

HYMN # 502 – *BE THOU MY VISION*

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 9

SERIES: ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRIST

SERMON

"THE BLIND MAN AT THE POOL OF SILOAM"

Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING

JUBILANT BELLS

In response to God's love, we are invited to reflect on how we might give thanks to God through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. (During this time, offering plates will be passed down the pews. There is no obligation to give. You may also choose to indicate your presence or desire to connect by placing a blue connect form in the offering plate.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD'S 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 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

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD

✦CHARGE AND BLESSING (EPHESIANS 1:17-21)

✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE), w/m By Newton, Tomlin, and Giglio

✦POSTLUDE

✦Those who would like to stand, are invited to stand.