

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SONG OF WORSHIP

"How Great Thou Art"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Adapted from *Call to Worship*

Sovereign God,

we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm.

You adorn us with the armor of light,

but we hide ourselves in darkness.

You trust us with the message of grace,

but we bury that treasure in fear.

Forgive us, Lord.

(A brief period of silence for personal prayers of confession)

Merciful God,

return us to your fold,

that we may rejoice in your presence;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

"Grace"

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Be Still and Know"

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

Living the Lectionary:

"The Parable of the Misunderstood Master"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH 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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Take My Life"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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