

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome, Announcements, and Service Notes

Prelude *O Worship the King* Arr. Mary McDonald / Paino: Cindy Senatore

Call to Worship & Prayer of the Day

Hymn *The Lord Is God* AZMON

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession (unison)

Loving God, all is not right within us. We neglect your word, we fail to meditate on your law, we forget to speak with you, we make plans without seeking your guidance, we do think that we know are wrong, we do not put you first in our lives. Forgive how we have failed to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength. Our relationships with each other are not all they can or should be. There is hurt and injury between, walls of anger and hatred between us and our neighbors. Forgive us for how we deny our part in this and for how we blame others for the brokenness around us. Forgive how we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Gracious God, you offer to us and to all a whole and abundant life. For all that we have done to deny this life to each other, we ask your forgiveness and mercy.

(Moment for Silent Reflection)

Declaration of Forgiveness & The Peace of Christ

THE WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Hebrew Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 6: 1 – 6

Gospel Lesson Romans 8: 31 – 39

Sermon *Loving the Lord* Rev. Anthony L. Larson

Special Music *How Firm a Foundation* Arr. Schelat / Artwork: Laura Kranz

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said; to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee thy trouble to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.*

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

SENT BY GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

Hymn *Shall Tribulation or Distress* ROMANS 8

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore The Arr. Labenske / Piano: Cindy Senatore



The Lord Is God

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1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
 2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
 3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,
 4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
 O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
 O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.
 to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.

823 Shall Tribulation or Distress

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G)
 A^b D^b A^b

1 Shall trib - u - la - tion or dis - tress, shall per - se -
 2 Shall ill - ness, hun - ger, or de - spair, shall lone - ly
 3 No, nei - ther an - gel hosts nor thrones, nor height nor

(C) (Am) (B) (Em) (F)
 D^b B^bm C Fm G^b

cu - tion, fire, or sword, or an - y per - il of this
 grief or anx - ious fears, or deeds of ha - tred and dis -
 depth of e - vil's reach, nor pres - ent things, nor things to

(C) (Am7) (B) (Am) (B) (G)
 D^b B^bm7 C B^bm C A^b

world— or e - ven death, or e - ven death— shall an - y
 dain— or e - ven death, or e - ven death— shall an - y
 come— not e - ven death, not e - ven death— not an - y

(C) (Am) (Bm) (Em7) (C) (D7) (G)
 D^b B^bm Cm Fm7 D^b E^b7 A^b

power of earth or heaven di - vide us from your love, O Christ?
 power of earth or heaven di - vide us from your love, O Christ?
 power of earth or heaven can part us from your love, O Christ.