Sunday, August 18, 2013 8:30am

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord’s presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.

*“Be still and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE  *“Come, Thou Almighty King”* – arr. Proulx

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 78*

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to My teaching;

 Incline your ears to the words of My mouth.

***People: With upright heart He tended them,***

 ***And guided them with skillful hand.***

\*HYMN *“Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee”* *No. 464*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving Lord, You speak to us constantly as we go about our lives. You tell us of Your love as we raise our children. You tell us of Your faithfulness as we try to make ends meet. You tell us of Your grace as we fail in our endeavors. But Lord, we don’t always hear Your voice in the midst of the confusion around us. Forgive us for being too focused on ourselves, and not focused enough on You or those around us. Lead us back to Your side where we can always hear Your guidance and direction. We pray this through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ’s peace with one another with*

 *handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

\*HYMN *“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”* *No. 466*

 (Children may come up front during the last verse

 for the Children’s Message)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Exodus 7:1-7 (OT p53)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *John 12:36b-43 (NT p107)*

SERMON The Gospel of JohnRev. Robert Bronkema

*“God is Trying to Tell You Something”*

\*HYMN *“Open My Eyes That I May See”* *No. 324*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER  *(pg. 16 in the hymnal)*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 OFFERTORY *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”* - Bradbury

 \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,*

*praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*APOSTLES’ CREED *(p.14 in the hymnal)*

\*HYMN *“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”* *No. 446*

\*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

\*POSTLUDE *“Woodlands” – arr. Kerr*

***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

\*Praise & Worship

*Our God*

*One Pure and Holy Passion*

*Lead Me to the Cross*

*Amazed*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading:

*Exodus 7:1-7; John 12:36b-43*

Sermon  *“God is Trying to Tell You Something”*

Offertory

\*Closing Song

*Your Name*

\*Benediction

Sermon Notes:

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