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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** 

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 115

Leader: May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: We will bless the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Praise the Lord!

\*HYMN "Come Thou Fount Come Thou King"

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Sovereign God, You always have Your hand in our lives guiding us. Help us to recognize Your hand and follow its leading. We confess to you Father for we are a stubborn group of people. Lord, forgive us when we say "This is my plan" and by doing so disregard You. Father, continue to nudge us along the paths that lead to life and remind us that Your presence shall fill us with joy. In the name of the blessed Trinity, 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 "Holy Spirit, Lord of Love" (v. 1)

(Children may come up front during the hymn for the Children's Message)

No. 524

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Esther 5:9-14 (OT p447)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

James 4:13-17 (NT p231)

SERMON THE BOOK OF JAMES Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

"Making Our Own Plans"

\*HYMN "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" No. 343

Please come forward and deposit your vocation pledges in the box during the hymn.

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

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "I Am a Servant" Soloist: Patty Hunt

\*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.

\*HYMN "Take My Life" No. 391

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

SERMON NOTES: