
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 117

Leader: Praise the Lord all you nations! Extol Him all you peoples!

**People: For great is His steadfast love toward us,
And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

*HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise”

No. 488

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving Lord and giver of all life, we humbly come before You fully aware that we are Your vessels. You provide us with blessings that govern our lives, and yet we focus on those bad days that we let direct our paths. You spoke and created us and said that we were good. Yet we always look for the bad in others and use that as an excuse for not trusting. Forgive us Lord, and lead us to relationships with others that allows what we say to reflect the love You have for us. We pray this through our Savior Jesus Christ. 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

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

**Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.**

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

David Griffith

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 2:1-7 (OT p194)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:12 (NT p231)

SERMON

THE BOOK OF JAMES

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

“You Said What?”

*HYMN

“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

No. 522

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

(pg. 16 in the hymnal)

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Chancel Choir

*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

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

No. 379

*BENEDICTION

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.**

*POSTLUDE

“Come As You Are”

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship

Holy is the Lord

I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever

The Stand

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message: David Griffith

Scripture Readings:

Joshua 2:1-7; James 5:12

Sermon *“You Said What?”*

*Offering/Closing Song

Overcome

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
