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

*HYMN

"Jesus Shall Rein" - Harmon

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 80

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Leader: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts, let Your face shine, that we may be saved. People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts, let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

No. 488

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of eternity, we praise You as the Alpha and Omega of all being and we thank You for the glory of Your creation and our part in it. We confess that our waiting is tinged by anxious doubt and a patience too thin to hold the weight of hope. Despite Your promises we continually question our adoption and what redemption should look like. Forgive our frustration and our impatience and grant us Your Spirit so that our waiting may be strengthened by Your fruits and fortified by Your Word. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is our hope and who has secured our redemption. Amen.

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Beth Feiler

(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Amos 9:11-15 (OT p857)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:18-25 (NT p158)

SERMON ROMANS: FAITH FOR DUMMIES Rev. Robert Bronkema

> **Pieces of Eight** "I Can't Wait!"

*HYMN "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" No. 366

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Adagio from 'Sonata No. 2 in c minor" – Mendelssohn

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" *HYMN No. 423

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

POSTLUDE "Allegro Maestoso from 'Sonata No. 2 in c minor'" - Mendelssohn

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Next Week

Psalm 139:1-6 Romans 8:26-27 "Can I Get a Witness?"

11:00am