

# The Worship of God

June 3, 2018

As you go, proclaim the good news,  
'the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

—Matthew 10.7

## Gathering at God's Invitation

Music for Gathering

Marietta Mobley *piano*

Christ Candle

Grant Petitt

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

Invocation

Rev. Sherouse

Come, almighty King,  
and help us your name to sing,

**for you are a God of love.**

Come, incarnate Word,  
and make known your wonders to our souls

**for you are a God of grace.**

Come, holy Comforter,  
and bear witness within every heart that we belong to you,

**for you are a God who creates fellowship.**

**Come, triune God, that we might love and adore you all  
the days of our journey.**

†Hymn of Praise 5

ITALIAN HYMN

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

†Words of Friendship

Dr. Steve Pressley

A Family Covenanting

Christina McCord, Rev. Sherouse

**Grant Alexander Leonard**

son of Jacy and Jeremy Leonard

## Hearing God's Word

Opening of God's Word

Danielle Delgado

Responsive Psalm 139

Dr. Pressley

. . . such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high I cannot attain to it.

**Where can I go then from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?**

. . . all of them were written in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they came to be.

**How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!**

. . . Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
try me and know my restless thoughts.

**Look well whether there be any wickedness in me  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

Prayers of God's People

Rev. Amy Grizzle Kane

Hymn

*SURSUM CORDA*

*You Are Before Me, Lord*



You are be - fore me, Lord, you are be - hind,  
Then from your Spir - it where, Lord, shall I go;  
If I should take my flight in - to the dawn,  
If I should say, "Let dark - ness cov - er me,  
Search me, O God; search me and know my heart;



and o - ver me you have spread out your hand;  
 and from your pres - ence where, Lord, shall I fly?  
 if I should dwell on o - cean's far - thest shore,  
 and I shall hide with - in the veil of night,"  
 try me, O God; my mind and spir - it try;



such knowl - edge is too won - der - ful for me,  
 if I as - cend to heav - en you are there,  
 your might - y hand will rest up - on me still,  
 sure - ly the dark - ness is not dark to you:  
 keep me from an - y path that gives you pain,



too high to grasp, too great to un - der - stand.  
 and still are with me if in hell I lie. \_\_\_\_  
 and your right hand will guard me ev - er - more. \_\_\_\_  
 the night is as the day, the dark - ness light. \_\_\_\_  
 and lead me in the ev - er - last - ing way. \_\_\_\_

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Scripture Lesson

Dr. Pressley

Matthew 9.36—10.10

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

Travel Plans

# Responding to God's Word

†Hymn of Response 576

ASSAM

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Musical Interlude

The Lord's Supper

Dr. Pressley

Sharon Barlow, deacon chairperson

## Communion Hymn



I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en,  
I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as  
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di -  
And thus with joy we meet our Lord, his pres - ence,  
To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our



loved and free, — in awe and won - der to re - call his  
all are fed, — the new com - mun - i - ty of love in  
vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
al - ways near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known; we  
dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple in the world, we'll



life laid down for me, — his life laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
stran - gers now are friends, and stran - gers now are friends.  
see and praise him here, — we see and praise him here.  
live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

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Offertory Prayer

Jill Pegram, deacon

Musical Offering

Courtney/Clawson

*The Journey*

Terri Vancil soloist

## Sending into God's World

†Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

†Organ Dismissal

David Cherwien

*Old Hundredth Psalm Tune*