# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

# WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

#### THE PRELUDE

"Toccata in E minor"

J. Pachelbel

#### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Listen and hear, all you people of the book!

There is one God who created all time and space.

All Our hope is in God who made heaven and earth.

All creatures of the land and sea come from God.

One You shall love God with all your heart and soul.

You shall honor God with all your mind and strength.

All We will praise God as long as we live.

We will sing of God's glory all through our lives.

One A second commandment is like the first:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself,

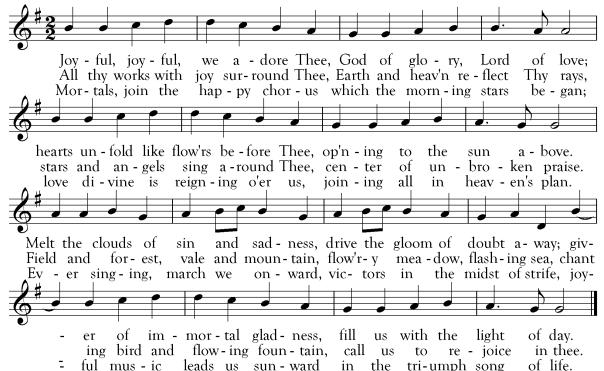
All God watched over strangers and widows and orphans.

We honor God by honoring these, our sisters and brothers.

# THE OPENING HYMN

Hymn to Joy

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"



#### THE CALL TO CONFESSION

### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you

and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride,

for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,

and great when we are small.

We have failed in love,

neglected justice,

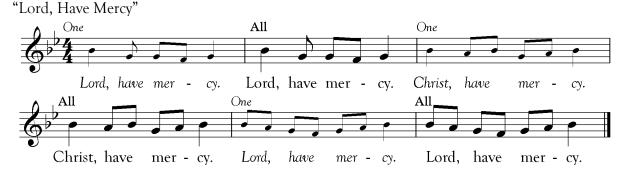
and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

### THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## THE KYRIE



#### THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God

The Concerns of the Church

# THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

# WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

### THE PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Now this is the commandment - the statutes and the ordinances - that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Kyrie

THE SECOND LESSON Psalm 89:1-4

One Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

All For I am persuaded that your love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

One "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

All 'I will establish your line forever,

and preserve your throne for all generations."

#### THE ANTHEM

"If Ye Love Me" T. Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

THE THIRD LESSON Mark 12:28-44

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' - this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared,

'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet."

David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?" And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

THE SERMON Kevin Scott Fleming

"Simple Things"

# WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE

### A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

THE ANTHEM

"Lead Me, Lord" S.S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Spoken Prayers

The Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

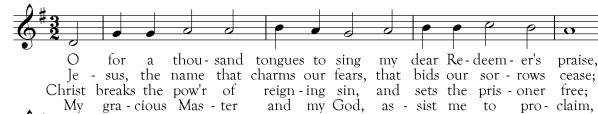
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# WE LEAVE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

## THE HYMN





the glo - ries of my God and King, the 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis Christ's blood can make the sin - ful clean, Christ's to spread through all the earth a - broad the

tri-umphs of God's grace! life, and health, and peace. blood a vailed for me. hon- ors of Thy name.

### THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Sevenfold Amen"

J. Stainer

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## THE POSTLUDE

"Fugue in C Major" BWV 545

J.S. Bach

### Leading worship this morning:

Pastor Kevin Scott Fleming
Director of Music Robert Nicholls

Vocalists Lora and Paul Blaylock, Joanna Fleming



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