



**Welcome to Worship!**  
Grace and peace to you  
from God and  
the Lord Jesus Christ!  
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**PRELUDE**

Prelude and Fugue

C. Frank

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

A caring, inclusive community

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Rev. Beverly Friedlander

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit God's love is poured into our hearts....

**POURING OF THE WATER**

*Even in the season of repentance, the season of Lent,  
the baptismal water reminds us, by grace we belong to God, by mercy we are forgiven in Christ,  
and by love we have new life through the Holy Spirit.*

**INTROIT HYMN 399** (seated)

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

John 14:1-4

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: We, like the people around Jesus, are dealing with many troubles. Some are personal. Some are global. Jesus tells his disciples, tells us all: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

**Let us rise, in body or spirit to praise the Lord.**

**\*HYMN 370**

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

**One:** Beloved, God's mercy abounds and this reality allows us to face, even here, or especially here, the problems human depravity create. It is to tell the truth about the state of our lives, the suffering of the nations, and shame of our wars when God calls us to peace and reconciliation in Christ.

**We will remain seated as we pray in song. The hymn is 756, Beloved, trusting in God's grace, let us pray for deliverance.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**HYMN 756** (seated)

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

#### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

**God's love has been poured into your hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. All thanks and glory belong God. Let us rise in body or spirit in peace!**

**\*HYMN 581**

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, amen.**

#### PASSING THE PEACE

**One:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**One:** Let us share this sign of peace with one another.

#### HEARING THE WORD

Of God's Unconditional Love

#### THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*As the music begins, please send the children forward.*

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Let us pray. Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

**Blessing and honor and glory and power, wisdom and riches and strength evermore, be to the Lamb who our battle has won, whose are the kingdom, the crown and the throne.**

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat,  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

One: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

O Lord, from the Depths I Cry

Hal Hopson

**SERMON**

The Great Ordeal

Rev. Beverly Friedlander

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Putting our Faith into Action

**\*HYMN 384**

Soon and Very Soon

SOON AND VERY SOON

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, The Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the  
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended  
into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on  
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and  
the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the  
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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; 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.**

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Emelie—Rise Against Hunger, CAT;



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**OFFERTORY HYMN 7109 (seated)**

We Lift Our Voices

OFFERING

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours:**

**we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering;**

**we are an offering.**

**\*DOXOLOGY 607**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION POSTLUDE**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 747**

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ENVIADO

**POSTLUDE**

St. Patrick's Breastplate

J.H. Schaffner

***Please enjoy coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.***

**WORSHIP NOTES**

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Matt Balaban

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Bruce Hartley

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