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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

All: And we, your faithful, bless you.

One: We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

All: We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

OPENING PRAYER (all)

Eternal God, protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Fill us with your mercy and your grace, that, with you to rule and guide, we may so use the good things of this present life that we do not neglect those of eternal worth through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #469

Morning Has Broken

1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven;
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden;
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning;
God's recreation of the new day!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)**

God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore we confess our sins - both things we have done and things we have left undone - in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,
All: We are forgiven.

***RESPONSE #579**

Glory Be to the Father

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 OF THE PEACE**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:1-21

SERMON

Richard Ward recently retired from his position as Professor of Homiletics and Worship at Phillips Theological Seminary, where he held the Fred B. Craddock Chair. He continues to serve at Phillips Theological Seminary as Visiting Professor of Preaching and Practical Theory. Richard brings a rich background in performance studies and practices to the study of preaching. He is particularly interested in the arts of storytelling and oral interpretation of scripture as they inform and enrich the ministry of preaching.

***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.

***HYMN #281**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar

Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN #369

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion and Book of Common Worship* (2018).

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