

## GATHERING

Prelude "Improvisation on THAXTED"

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting

*The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

*And also with you.*

Welcome and Announcements

### PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

Choral Introit "How Can I Say that I Love the Lord" V. Michael McKay

\*Responsive Call to Worship:

*Sing to the Lord a new song!*

*Sing to the Lord, all the earth!*

*Sing to the Lord, bless God's Holy Name!*

*Tell of God's salvation from day to day!*

*Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!*

*Honor and majesty are before God.*

*Strength and beauty are in the Lord's sanctuary!*

*Let us worship God.*

\*Hymn #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" MITFREUDENZART

\*Call to Confession and Unison Prayer of Confession

*Remembering that "the Lord is good to all and God's compassion is over all that God has made..." let us unite in our prayer of confession...*

*let us pray:*

**Holy God, You have called us to steadfast faith—and we have fled in the face of conflict. You have called us to engage in Your greater things and we have settled for our lesser things. You have spoken in the sound of sheer silence—and we have preferred the clash of thunder. You have bid us take heart—and we have made our excuses. Please forgive the ways in which our living has been unworthy of You. Fill us once more with such affection for our Lord that we may live as Christ lived and love as Christ loved—and be numbered as those who bear His witness in all we do...**

-Silent Personal Confession-

\*Kyrie

Lord, have mercy up - on us,  
Christ, have mercy up - on us,  
Lord, have mercy up - on us.

\*Assurance of Pardon:

*The Apostle Paul wrote...*

*"There is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

*Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:*

*In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!*

## \*Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

## \*Passing the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

*And also with you.*

*As Christ shared His peace with us let us share Christ's peace with one another.*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### Time with Young Disciples

*(Children who are kindergarten age or younger are invited to go to extended care with Cynthia Petty.)*

### Anthem

"O God Beyond All Praising" Holst, arr. Hopson

### Scripture Lesson Luke 21: 5-19

(N. T. p.85)

*The Word of the Lord!  
Thanks be to God!*

### Prayer for Illumination

### Sermon

Pastor Heppenstall

**Called Into Covenant Part 9:  
"Together We Bear Witness"**

*Text: "This will give you an opportunity to testify..." Luke 21:13*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn #299 "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" HANOVER

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*(Adapted from "A Brief Statement of Faith")*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully God, fully human. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and teaching by word and deed, healing the sick and eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners and calling all to repent and believe the Gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Sharing Joys and Concerns

### Invitation to Prayer

*The Lord be with you.*

*And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

### Prayers of the People & 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.**

### Moment for Stewardship

Anne Raymond

### Offering

Offertory "Communion in D Major (Op. 46,1)" Alexandre Guilmant

### \*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One holy God, whom we adore. Amen.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

\*Hymn# 296 "Go in Grace and Make Disciples" WONDROUS LIGHT

### \*Charge and Benediction

**Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

*(Many people at Northridge prefer to be seated to listen to the Closing Voluntary.  
If you need to leave, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

Closing Voluntary "Fanfare Procession" T. G. H. Candlyn

(\* Indicates the Congregation will please stand as you are able.)

Pastor Fenn

