



OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Intermezzo on Crimond, A.N. Richter

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

People: our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

Leader: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

People: we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

Leader: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

People: young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched, lift the new, new songs of faith.

HYMN 266

Joy to the World, Richmond

Text and Music: Public Doma

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray...(continue with silent confession...) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you.

People: In baptism God claimed us and joined us to Christ, as branches to a vine.

Leader: Believe the promise given to you:

People: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

SERMON

"Blurring the Boundaries"

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer,
The Lord's Prayer

HYMN 317

In Christ There is No East or West, McKee

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1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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