

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee, arr. J. Chrisman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 67:1-13

Leader: God, show your faithfulness to us,

People: bless us, and make your face smile upon us!

Leader: For then the whole earth will acknowledge your ways,

People: and all the nations of earth will know of your power to save.

Leader: May all the nations praise you, O God;

People: may all the nations praise you!

HYMN 806

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath, Old 113th

1 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
while life and thought and being last,
or immortality endures.

3 The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
the Lord supports the fainting mind
and sends the laboring conscience peace.
God helps the stranger in distress,
the widowed and the parentless,
and grants the prisoner sweet release.

2 How happy they whose hopes rely
on Israel's God, who made the sky
and earth and seas with all their train;
whose truth forever stands secure,
who saves the oppressed and feeds the poor,
and none shall find God's promise vain.

4 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
while life and thought and being last,
or immortality endures.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. (continue with silent confession...). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Our God kisses us with kindness, forgiving our sins,

People: preserving our lives, and restoring our souls through the abundant provision of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Receive now that for which faith has hungered:

People: we are forgiven and healed in the name of Jesus the Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

SERMON

Crossing Boundaries

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Joys and Concerns
- Pastoral Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy, African American Spiritual

1 Lord, make us more holy;
 Lord, make us more holy;
 Lord, make us more holy,
 until we meet again:
 holy, holy, holy,
 until we meet again.

3 Lord, make us more patient;
 Lord, make us more patient;
 Lord, make us more patient,
 until we meet again:
 patient, patient, patient,
 until we meet again.

2 Lord, make us more loving;
 Lord, make us more loving;
 Lord, make us more loving,
 until we meet again:
 loving, loving, loving,
 until we meet again.

4 Lord, make us more faithful;
 Lord, make us more faithful;
 Lord, make us more faithful,
 until we meet again:
 faithful, faithful, faithful,
 until we meet again.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rondo, from Sonata Op. 14, No. 1, L. van Beethoven

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