

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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus, arr. J. Nelson

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 27

Leader: Sing a song of thanksgiving.

People: Declare God's wondrous deeds.

Leader: For the Lord dwells among the people;

People: the glory of God abides with us.

HYMN 624

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art, Toulon

1 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

4 Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.

2 Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

5 Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

3 Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray (*continue with silent confession...*). Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God!

BLESSING OF THE DEVICES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

SERMON

The Defining Moment

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns,
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 697

Take My Life, Hendon

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary, J. Stanley

Leaders Today

Pastor.....	Pastor Scott Anderson
Liturgist.....	Jeff Hayes
Children's Ministry.....	Amy Poland
Minister of Music	Joe Chrisman
AV/Tech.....	John Tarr