

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

Presto in D Major, G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 96

Leader: There is none like you Lord! Such splendor and strength!

People: May all the earth sing to you: the families of the nations, the fish of the sea, the fields brimming with crops, and the forests filled with creatures.

Leader: May your whole creation become a chorus whose song is you.

People: May my voice join creation's chorus in praising you today.

HYMN 711

Lord of All Good, Toulon

1. Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
Use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
That our whole life is offered to your will.

3. Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
To you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

2. We give our minds to understand your ways;
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;
Heart with the flame of your own love ablaze,
Till for your glory all our powers combine.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. (*silent confession continues...*) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you

and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 22:1-14

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

SERMON

Scott Anderson, Roger Fletcher, Cindy Kornetzke, Bud Smith

Whose Coin Is It?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Erin Nass

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me, I'm Gonna Live

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!

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!

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!

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!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Simple Gifts, arr. J. Chrisman

Leaders Today	
Preacher	Pastor Scott Anderson
Liturgist	Cynthia Bush
Minister of Music.....	Joe Chrisman
AV/Tech	John Tarr