

ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

Assisted listening devices are available in the sound booth.

PRELUDE

Fanfare for a New Day

Music by Wayne Kerr

† CALL TO WORSHIP

† *Indicates the congregation should stand.*

L: The Lord harkens to our call, listening to our pleas and hearing our prayers!

P: We will praise God who gives rest to our souls!

L: In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the presence of all God's people, we acknowledge our faith.

P: We will call on the Lord as long as we live!

L: We are your servant, O God; you have loosed our bonds!

P: We will offer sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving!

L: How shall we repay the Lord for all we have been given?

P: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord!

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 540

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

† PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, You are a holy God, and we desire to be holy, too. We desire to be set apart by You and live our lives in a manner that is worthy of You and pleasing to You. As we worship, search our hearts. Purify and cleanse our inner thoughts. Examine the motives behind our acts and attitudes for we desire to live in holiness of heart. We pray this in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

† PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

God makes peace within us; let us claim it. God makes peace between us; let us share it. Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace.

L: The peace of Christ is here among us.

P: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Call

Music by Craig Courtney

Called to light to pierce the darkness, called to truth where lies abounded, called to life to reach the dying, called to where strife is found. One by one, the Spirit calls us. By God's grace, He beckons all. Find us worthy of the mission, ever faithful to the call. Called to hope to touch the suffering, called to freedom where captives plead, called to lead, to guide the wondering, called to serve where there is need.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE WORD

Holiness is not a popular teaching today. We long for powerful promises, personal prophecies, and protection from anything that would add more stress to our lives. Holiness frankly seems quite impossible. How do you even define holiness? Well, holiness is not something you do. Holiness is something you are. God says, "Be holy, for I am holy."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Peter 1:13-25

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Called to Be Holy

Kevin Jobe, Guest Pastor

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR HOLINESS

L: Heavenly Father, Creator of all that is pure and holy, we come before You with a yearning in our hearts for true holiness.

P: We recognize our own inadequacies and the many imperfections that mar our lives, but our souls thirst for righteousness.

L: We desire to be more like Christ, to reflect His purity and love in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

P: We understand that holiness is not merely a matter of outward compliance with rules but an inner transformation that begins with the heart.

L: We seek You with all that we are.

P: We long to be transformed by Your grace, that we may live in a manner worthy of the calling we have received.

L: We ask this in the name of Christ who taught us to pray:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

OFFERTORY

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Music by Wayne Kerr

† DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, all that we have is a gift from You. Now we give back our tithes, our pledges and our offerings. May our gifts enable us to do Your work. Use our gifts Lord to build up Your church and the kingdom of God here in our midst. Lord, we know that stewardship is also an act of worship. May we continue to give as we have received in generosity and faith. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

GO FORTH WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 395

Take Time to Be Holy

HOLINESS

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Jubilant Recession

Music by Wayne Kerr

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Scripture readings are New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) unless otherwise noted.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Sam and Susan Varghese in honor of Sam's mother, Mrs. Mary Samuel, and to celebrate her 91st birthday, thankful to God for His many blessings.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Meshach Kanyion, *Senior Pastor*
Kylie Anderson, *Acolyte*
Jennifer Brown, *Lay Reader*
Joe Galyon, *Director of Worship and Arts*
Musicians, *Covenant Choir*
Peyton Voline, *Worship Technology Coordinator*
Gordon Stokely *Presentation Operator*
Mark Hoover, *Video Mixer*

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