

*That givest man both warmth and light, O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*And all ye men of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care, O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! A-men.*

Confessing

God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

Celia Weber

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires. For the times we have hurt the members of our families by refusing to do our share of the family tasks.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we refused to forgive others.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Celia Weber

The God who challenges us
is also the God who encourages us.
The God who confronts us
is also the God who accepts us.
Be assured that God is with us even now,
accepting, guiding, and forgiving.
Thanks be to God.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Dear children, let us love, not in word or speech, but also in truth and action.

Offering

Offertory *Change My Heart, O God* *Espinosa*
Clarinet/Flute Duet - Kay & Pamela Johnson

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, you have given us everything. Not only did you create us, but you provide for our every need. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

When we turned away from you, you reached down to us. You lifted us up and freed us through the gift of your Son. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

You are with us always. You watch over our coming and our going.

Your Holy Spirit guides us and leads us every step of our lives. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

For your abundant grace we give you thanks.

Gratefully we offer the gifts you first gave us.

We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

Your love endures forever.

Use our time, our talents, and our tithes for your glory.

May it bless others with hope, peace, and joy. **Amen.**

Hymn 16

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

*We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer,
Creator in grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee,
We bless Thy holy Name, glad praises we sing.*

*We Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee thru life's storm
And tempest our Guide hast Thou been;
When perils o'er take us, escape Thou wilt make us,
And with Thy help, O Lord, our battles we win.*

*With voices united our praises we offer to Thee,
Great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise;
Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,
To Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!*

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33

²⁰ Wisdom cries aloud in the street,
in the markets she raises her voice;
²¹ at the head of the noisy streets she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
²² "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
²³ If you turn at my reproof,
behold, I will pour out my spirit to you;
I will make my words known to you.
²⁴ Because I have called and you refused to listen,
have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded,
²⁵ because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when terror strikes you,
²⁷ when terror strikes you like a storm
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
²⁸ Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently but will not find me.
²⁹ Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
³⁰ would have none of my counsel
and despised all my reproof,
³¹ therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way,
and have their fill of their own devices.
³² For the simple are killed by their turning away,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
³³ but whoever listens to me will dwell secure
and will be at ease, without dread of disaster."

Sermon

"Do Not Resist Wisdom"
Rev. Tim Latham

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 **Hymn 51**

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me thro' the swelling current,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee. A-men.*

 **Profession of Faith**

Leader: Let us now profess our faith along with the saints through the ages.

**People: We believe in God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, Our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit.
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and buried;**

**The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the
Quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church.
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,**

**The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

! Hymn

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

*Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow You
Son of man despised forsaken
Lord of all I am or do
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought and hoped and known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heaven are still my own*

*Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Saviour too
Human hearts and looks deceive me
You are not like them untrue
And while You shall smile upon me
God of wisdom love and might
Foes may hate and friends may shun me
Show Your face and all is bright*

*Those who trouble and distress me
Drive me to Your presence blessed
Life with bitter trials may press me
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest
How could grief or sorrow harm me
While my heart still feels Your love
How could this world's pleasures charm me
When You are my joy above*

*Take my soul His full salvation
Conquer every sin and care
Find in every situation
Joy and peace and service there
Think what Spirit dwells within you
What a Father loves you yet
What a Saviour died to win you
Child of heaven why should you fret*

*Onward then from grace to glory
Armed by faith and spurred by prayer
Heaven's eternal day's before me
God's own hand shall guide me there
Soon shall close my earthly mission
Swiftly pass my pilgrims days
Hope soon change to glad fruition
Faith to sight and prayer to praise*

🔔 **Benediction & Blessing**

🔔 **Postlude**

Let the Trumpet Sound!

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