May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00 a.m.

**PRELUDE** 

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Jan Mulder

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Introit

### **†**CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: We come to worship God the Creator.

All: God was there in the beginning, creating order from chaos.

One: We come to worship God the Redeemer.

All: God put on flesh and dwelt among us.

One: We come to worship God the Sustainer.

All: God is with us still, working in and through us even now.

One: Let us worship God!

# ♦ HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Almighty King

#2, vv. 1-3

#2, v. 4

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you as well as we could, and to love our neighbor as you taught us. We ignore your commandments, lose our way, and follow gods of our own making. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and glorify your name in all that we do. Amen.

### ♦ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

#### **PRESPONSE**

Come, Thou Almighty King
To thee, great One in Three
Eternal praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see
And to eternity love and adore

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

### And also with you.

Please refrain from bodily contact and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from other households as we pass the peace this morning.

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

1 Samuel 2:1-9

p. 245 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and he shall sustain thee He never will suffer the righteous to fall; he is at thy right hand Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens Let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 12:20-25

p. 131 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**†**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from The Belhar Confession

We believe in a triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through the Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; and that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people.

TIME FOR REFLECTION

♦HYMN OF SENDING

We All Believe in One True God

J.S. Bach

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

#275, vv. 1,3,4

**†**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**P**OSTLUDE

Corrente Italiana

Juan Cabanilles

**<sup>†</sup>**THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND