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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
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10:30 am

PRELUDE *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;
let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy,
from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.

Shout aloud and sing for joy,
from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.

Shout aloud and sing for joy,
in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship
the God of all creation!

GATHERING PRAYER

O God, our Redeemer,
all creation sings your praise! You are justice and mercy, judgment and grace.
Following our Lord Jesus Christ, we seek to be faithful, ever sustained by your Spirit,
that we might stand blameless at the last with Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN: *Seek Ye First #175

CALL TO CONFESSION

Just as the prophet Isaiah assured God's people so many years ago he assures us now that God is our salvation. It is because of that confidence, because of that promise, that we dare approach God with our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of peace we confess we are a people of fear.
We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights.
We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension.
We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid.
Forgive us, O God.
Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs,
and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you. Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The prophet Isaiah assures us:
God is building a new heaven and a new earth;
the former things will not be remembered or
come to mind. Forgiven and freed, rejoice in
what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in all creation.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of the earthquake and the silence, quiet in us any voice but your own, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear, and in hearing we might believe, and in believing we might act, making way for your new creation. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 98

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.

² The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

⁸ Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy

⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Luke 21: 5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

⁷ They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' ⁸ And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

⁹ 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

SERMON:

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY *Jesus, Remember Me*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the ox,
we give thanks for these gifts and pray they might be agents
of your peace. May they serve your creation as we seek your
new heaven and new earth. Help us take these gifts out into
a world filled with distress and calm it. Help us take these gifts
out into a world filled with pain and heal it. Help us take these
gifts out into a world filled with silence and speak up;
In Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN:** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (*Here I Am, Lord*) #69

CHARGE

Go out into the world in peace. Live fully. Build homes.
Plant vineyards. Give thanks. Work for what is right.

BENEDICTION

And now may the God of our salvation, our strength and our comfort,
guard your hearts and minds this day and evermore.

We would like to thank Mr. Michael Donovan for sharing his gifts with us today.