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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Greeting

God is good.

All the time.

And all the time.

God is good.

Call To Worship

God breathed life into human beings made in God's image.

We remember. So let's give God the glory!

God called to a runaway shepherd, Moses, to lead God's people out of slavery.

We remember. So let's give God the glory!

God, like a pillar of clouds, led the people through the sea to freedom.

We remember. So let's give God the glory!

God caused a rock in the wilderness to flow like a river.

We remember. So let's give God the glory!

God gives us a way when there seems no way.

We remember. So we worship today.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn #48 Rain Down (sing five times)**

Rain down; rain down;

rain down your love on your people.

Rain down; rain down;

rain down your love, God of life.

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

God, when we get afraid of what lies ahead, we want to go back to the old ways instead of seeking your new way with us. Forgive us and open us to you.

Holy Giver, our hands are open to receive your gifts.

When we don't see the signs of hope we expect, we complain, we turn to other things, and we blame each other. Forgive us and open us to you.

Holy Giver, our hands are open to receive your gifts.

When we do have enough, we want even more and, by wanting more, often others have less than enough. Forgive us and open us to you.

Holy Giver, our hands are open to receive your gifts.

When we work so hard to get something, we forget your goodness and think our lives are what we've done, have, or achieve. Forgive us and open us to you.

Holy Giver, our hands are open to receive your gifts. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. (A sign of peace is exchanged.)

***Response #547 Go, My Children, With My Blessing vs 2**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**Prayer for Illumination**

First reading: Matthew 20:1-16

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

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Second reading: Exodus 16:2-15

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Sermon

A New Provider

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed**

I 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn #471 O Lord, Hear My Prayer (five times)**

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

Prayers of the People Rick and Deacon of the Month

Offering

Musical Offering

O Lord, Most Holy

by Cesar Franck

***Praise God (Hymn #608)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

***Prayer of Dedication and Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SENDING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Sending the Church into Mission

The Mission of Prospect Church

To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.

***Hymn #716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

**1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.**

**2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,**

**lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.**

**3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace
conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.**

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

Hymn #305, "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" v 2

**Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!**

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Postlude