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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

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
 Choose this day whom you will serve.  
**We will love and serve the Lord.**  
 Let us worship God.

### \*Hymn #362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

**1. Rejoice! Rejoice, believers,  
 and let your lights appear;  
 the evening is advancing  
 and darker night is near.  
 The Bridegroom is arising  
 and soon he will draw nigh.  
 Up, watch with expectation;  
 at midnight comes the cry.**

**2. See that your lamps are burning;  
 replenish them with oil;  
 look now for your salvation,  
 the end of sin and toil.  
 The marriage feast is waiting;  
 the gates wide open stand;  
 arise, O heirs of glory;  
 the Bridegroom is at hand!**

**3. Our hope and expectation,  
 O Jesus, now appear;  
 arise, thou Sun so longed for,  
 above this shadowed sphere!  
 With hearts and hands uplifted,  
 we plead, O Lord, to see  
 the day of earth's redemption,  
 and ever be with thee!**

**\*Call to Confession****\*Confession of Sin**

We confess that, at times, it is too easy to fall asleep to the injustices around us, the injuries that do not leave *us* bleeding, the pain that does not cause *us* to cry out, the worry that *we* do not lose any sleep over, the suffering that does not pain *our* own hearts. We know that we are to be present. We know that we are one body, interconnected, and interwoven. And yet there is aching within our body that we are numb to. Forgive us God and wake us up. Amen.

**\*Words of Grace**

Hear and believe the good news!

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: Hymn #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: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

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The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God**

**Children's Chat**

**Rick Boyer**

**Second reading: Matthew 25:1-13**

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The Word of God for the people of God.

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**Sermon**

*The Meaning of Wisdom*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn #771 What Is The World Like?

1. What is the world like when God's will is done?  
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:  
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.  
This is how God moves us each to believe.

2. What is the world like when God's will is done?  
Witness the wandering child coming home;  
watch as the parent breaks into a run.  
This is how God longs for us when we roam.

3. What is the world like when God's will is done?  
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;  
peace thrives in places where once there was none.  
This is how God works when rivalries end.

4. What is the world like when God's will is done?  
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,  
tending our lamps till the new day's begun.  
This is how God readies us for the light.

5. These are the stories that Jesus imparts,  
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.  
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,  
this is a new world where God's will is done.

### \*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.

### Prayers of the People

**Offering**

Musical Offering

*Lead Me, Guide*

arr. Paul Ferrin

**\*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 #350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning**

**1. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning;  
 keep your lamps trimmed and burning;  
 keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
 for the time is drawing nigh.**

Refrain:

**Sisters, don't grow weary;  
 brothers, don't grow weary;  
 children, don't grow weary,  
 for the time is drawing nigh.**

**2. It's our faith makes us happy;  
 it's our faith makes us happy;**

**it's our faith makes us happy,  
 for the time is drawing nigh. (Refrain)**

**3. We are climbing Jacob's ladder;  
 we are climbing Jacob's ladder;  
 we are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
 for the time is drawing nigh. (Refrain)**

**4. Every round goes higher, higher;  
 every round goes higher, higher;  
 every round goes higher, higher,  
 for the time is drawing nigh. (Refrain)**

**\*Benediction and Congregational Response**

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

**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**