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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.
 Keep silence before the Lord God!
The day of the Lord is at hand.
 Let us worship God.

***Hymn #612 We Praise You, O God**

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

**2. We worship you, God of
 our fathers and mothers;
 through trial and tempest
 our guide you have been.**

**When perils o'ertake us,
 you will not forsake us,
 and with your help, O Lord,
 our struggles we win.**

**3. With voices united
 our praises we offer
 and gladly our songs of
 thanksgiving we raise.
 With you, Lord, beside us,
 your strong arm will guide us.
 To you, our great Redeemer,
 forever be praise!**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ we pray. 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: 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: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

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The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Children's Chat

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Second reading: Matthew 25:14-30

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Sermon*Type Fast*

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***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.**

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

Meditation on a Melody by Martin Luther

arr. Kevin Uppercue

Effie Latz, viola

*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 #707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

**1. Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.**

**2. Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
come thou within our souls and claim thy throne;
help us to shed abroad thy deathless love;
use us to make the earth like heaven above.**

**3. Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
have in our inmost souls thy perfect way;
guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.**

**4. Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.**

***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