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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

We enter this sanctuary of truth.
In the company of sinners, in cahoots with saints:
 we gather as God's people.
We come, people of deep, abiding faith; and people seeking a way, straining our ears for the good news.
 Let us worship God.

***Hymn #21 Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works**

**1. Many and great, O God, are thy works,
 Maker of earth and sky.
 Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;
 thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
 Lo, at thy word the waters were formed.
 Deep seas obey thy voice.**

**2. Grant unto us communion with thee,
 thou star-abiding One.
 Come unto us and dwell with us.
 With thee are found the gifts of life.
 Bless us with life that has no end,
 eternal life with thee.**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

God of truth and love, there are times when we fill our souls with the empty sounds of our culture and miss your words of hope, of grace, of comfort. Sometimes, we do not heed your hopes for us. Sometimes, our pride gets in the way of witnessing to your love. Forgive us, Holy One, and be gracious to us. Astound us with your words, so we may learn your ways; nourish us with your mercy, so we may be filled with life; and overflow with praise for you. 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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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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: Mark 1:21-28

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Sermon

Called To Truth

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***Hymn #174 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom**

**1. Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.**

**2. Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,**

**full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.**

**3. Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.**

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

***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 #750 Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil**

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death. Victory is ours; victory is ours, through God who loves us. Victory is ours, victory is ours, through God who loves us.

***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