

# Service for the Lord's Day

## September 29, 2019

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### THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE**                      *What God Ordains is Always Good*                      J. Pachelbel

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**INTROIT**                      *Holy Lord God of Hosts*                      Russian Liturgy

### WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**      *(Deuteronomy 7:6-8)*

Leader: God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

**People: It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the Lord set his heart on you.**

All: It was because the Lord loved you.

**\*HYMN 376**                      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:

The fear that stifles us,

The prejudice that blinds us,

The ignorance that hobbles us,

The doubt that plagues us.

Help us, we pray, that we will

Find courage in unlikely place,

See the world with new and gracious eyes,

Move to those places where love is needed,

Have faith that you are with us.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting!

**People: In Jesus Christ, God calls us by name, claims us in love, and brings us hope!**

### \*ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE    Hymn 324

Open my eyes that I may see Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;

Place in my hands the wonderful key That shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit Divine!

### \*PASSING OF PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### THE PROCLAMATION

### THE MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

### 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*or "Our Creator"**

**ANTHEM**                      *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*                      *M. Ippolitof-Ivanof*

**SCRIPTURE READING**      *John 15:12-17*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Really? Predestination Means Comfort and Commission?*  
Rev. Dr. J. Patrick Vaughn

**\*HYMN 333**      *Seek Ye First*

**THE SENDING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**      *How Firm A Foundation*    American folk arr. D. Wood

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**  
- or -

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN 429**      *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**    *Twofold Amen*      R. Warner

**\*POSTLUDE**      *Rejoice Beloved Christians*      J. S. Bach

*\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.*

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