

## THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

**Prelude**                      *Mercy Me, Here am I* by Dean Ramberg

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**                      *"Tree of Life"* (ELW #334, vs 1, Lent 3)

**Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,  
in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of hist'ry,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn.**

**Living Water of salvation,  
be the fountain of each soul;  
springing up in new creation,  
flow in us and make us whole.  
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**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: We worship in the name of the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and give us new hearts.

**Confession Song**                      *Change My Heart, O God* (ELW #801)

**Change my heart, O God;  
make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God;  
may I be like you.  
You are the potter;  
I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me;  
this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God;  
make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God;  
may I be like you.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we fail to live for your Word. We turn away from you and towards the influencers of our world that would have us place our trust in them. We fall into temptation and seek to self-justify our thoughts and actions. We do not see clearly the need of our neighbors. When we seek need our actions or inactive often contribute to their pain rather than free them from suffering. We do not want to rely on you. In your compassion forgive our sin and uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. By the authority of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**KYRIE**                      **Composed by Daniel Schreiner, Sung by Dani Lemieux**

**In peace let us pray, pray to the Lord our God.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to  
the Lord.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

**For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your  
Word, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
Help save and defend us,  
O Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

***GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG***

**FIRST READING** Psalm 119: 167-176

**L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**RETURN TO GOD**      **Composed by Daniel Schreiner, Sung by Dani Lemieux**

**Return to God with  
all your heart, the Source  
of grace and mercy.  
Remembering His sacrifice, we listen.**

**GOSPEL**      **Luke 15: 1-32**

After the Reading: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*You are Mine*

**"I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from  
all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,  
be still and know  
I am here;**

**I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all  
who long to see,  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me.**

**Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will lead you home; I love you and you are mine."**

**"I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame,  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.**

**I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now walk,  
and live!**

**Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will lead you home; I love you and you are mine."**

**Creed (Sung)**

**We Believe**

**In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear; There is only one foundation; we believe,  
we believe. In this broken generation when all is dark you help us see. There is only one  
salvation - we believe, we believe.**

**We believe in God, the Father.  
We believe in Jesus Christ.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
and He's given us new life.**

**We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death. We believe in the  
resurrection  
and He's coming back again - we believe.**

**So let our faith be more  
than anthems, greater than the songs we sing. In our weakness and temptations,  
we believe, we believe!**

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We believe.  
We believe.**

**THE PRAYERS** *WL: Hear us, O God.* **C: Your mercy is great.**

**SHARING A SIGN OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!**

**C: And also with you!**

**GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**P: Merciful God,**

**C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, ho let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn**

***I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (ELW #325)**

**1 I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Distribution LAMB OF GOD (Composed by Daniel Schreiner)**

**Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.  
(Repeat)**

**Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.  
Grant us peace.**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P: Let us pray.**

**C: O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD**

**BLESSING**

**P: The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you God's peace. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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