

January 12, 2025 10:30 AM

# **Approaching God in Praise and Prayer**

+All who are able may stand

As you enter this holy space and sacred time, please quiet your mind, meditate on the Scriptures, and pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare you to worship the Living God.

PRELUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in E minor ("Cathedral")* 

J. S. Bach

Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 133

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,

on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

People: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Leader: Let us worship God!

+ HYMN 267

## Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

### + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Gracious God, in the company of your people, we confess our sins to you. We have been angry and impatient, complaining about the faults of others, and failing to see our own. We have been lazy and selfish, neglecting the interests of others, and pursuing our own. We have been faithless and unworthy, ignoring the strength you offer and relying upon our own. God of mercy, you have promised to forgive those who truly repent. Help us to accept your forgiveness, and dwell in us by your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## + MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

#### + ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 581 Gloria Patri GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

#### + PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

As the congregation shares personal greetings, children 5th grade and younger may meet their Sunday School leaders at the back of Sanctuary. Youth 6th grade and older will gather in the Youth Room.

#### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERS

# **Offering Ourselves to God**

OFFERTORY Flute Solo Thomas Arne

## + RESPONSE: HYMN 606 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

# **Receiving God's Word**

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

John Stainer
Chancel Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

THE WORD READ Leviticus 19:18 (OT pg. 233) Francie Murphy, lay reader

Mark 12:28-34 (NT pg. 66)

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED "Loving Our Neighbors" The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

# Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

### + BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Love Divine

Keith Pagan

**POSTLUDE** 

Allegretto (from Water Music)

G. F. Handel



The Deacon of the Day, Nancy Driscoll, can be found at the Welcome Table after service.

If you desire prayer, prayer ministers are available after worship. Please inquire at the Welcome Table.

This service is being livestreamed.

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# SERMON NOTES

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Leviticus 19:18 (OT pg. 233) Mark 12:28-34 (NT pg. 66)


### God So Loved the World

God so loved the world
that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whosoever believeth in Him
should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world, but that the world
through Him might be saved.

### **Love Divine**

Love divine, all loves excelling.
Joy of heav'n to earth come down.
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.