

**Choral Prelude**      *And the Glory of the Lord*      Handel  
And the glory, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

**Apostolic Greeting**

\* **God's Call to Worship**      Philippians 4:4  
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

\* **Hymn of Praise #172**      *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

\* **Prayer of Adoration**

\* **Affirmation of Faith** –Apostles' Creed      *Trinity Hymnal p.845*  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* **Confession of Sin**

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature – prone to evil and slothful in good – and all our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech you, that we may henceforth live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* **Assurance of Pardon** Hosea 1:10-2:1  
<sup>10</sup> Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God." <sup>11</sup> And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head. And they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

2 Say to your brothers, "You are my people," and to your sisters, "You have received mercy."

\* **Hymn of Thanks #194** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**Reading of God's Word** Psalm 105:7-15  
Pew Bible p.504

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

\* **Hymn of Preparation #140** *O Word of God Incarnate*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading of God's Word** Hebrews 11:8-10  
Pew Bible pp.1007-1008

**Preaching of God's Word** Rev. Dave Holmlund  
"Living in Tents as a Pilgrim People"

**Prayer of Commitment and Dedication**

**Offering and Hymn of Response #198**  
*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*

\* **God's Commission and Blessing**

\* **Closing Response of Praise #731** *Doxology*

**Postlude**

\*Congregation, please stand as you are able.