#### We Gather as the People of God

#Musical Call to Worship Come, Christians Join to Sing arr. Hayes

#Greeting, Announcements, and Invitation to Discipleship

‡Moment for Mission Family Promise Carrie Corliss

\*‡Introit Christ Is Arisen arr. Liebergen

\*‡Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

Many: Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

\*‡Hymn No. **610** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession** 

(Let us pray with one voice.)

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

Kyrie No. **553** Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

LAND OF REST

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Assurance of Pardon

\*‡Exchange of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Greet one another in the peace of Christ.

\*‡Response Hymn No. **242** Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded IN DIR IST FREUDE (verse 1)

Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread! Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, praise Christ risen from the dead!

Sing of the sun from darkness appearing; sing of the seed from barren earth greening; sing of creation, alleluia!
Sing of the stream from Jesus' side flowing; sing of the saints in water made holy; sing of salvation, alleluia!

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## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his lifechanging conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

#### We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Acts 11:1-18

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem More Love to Thee Shaw

(Words printed on the back of the bulletin.)

Gospel Reading John 13:31-35

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon How Do You Know? Rev. Larry Cracraft

\*Hymn No. 374 O Holy City, Seen of John MORNING SONG

#### We Respond to God's Word

Joys and Concerns of the People

Joy: First Presbyterian Church, Wichita

Ministry: Jacob's Learning Ladder Promotion Days

Care and Comfort: Janice DeMayo, Steve DeMayo, Gary Hart, Sheena Heimberg, Larissa Law, Bixley Sobrino, Teresa Stange, Carol Taylor, Luther Youngs Sympathy to: Mary and Mac Smith at the death of Mary's sister

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Blessed Assurance arr. Larson

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below;

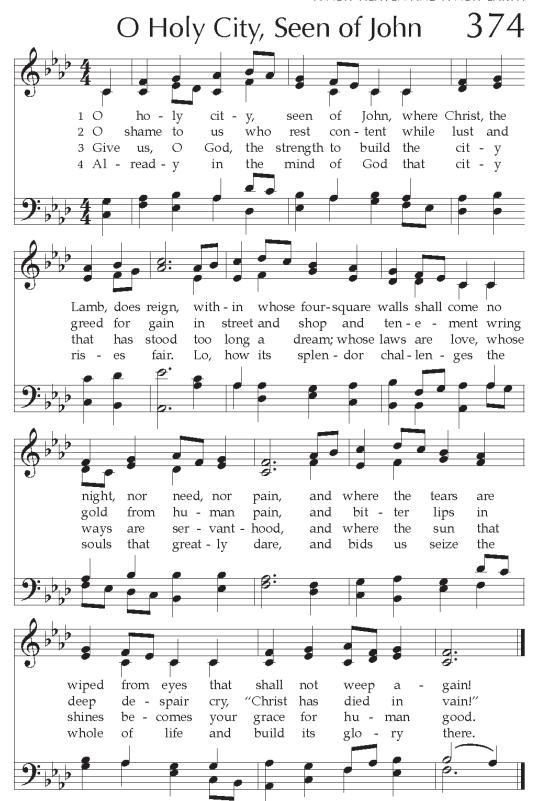
**Praise Holy Spirit evermore:** 

Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

(Let us pray with one voice.)

Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

<sup>\*</sup>Prayer of Thanksgiving



Unlike texts that treat the heavenly Jerusalem as a goal for the life to come, this hymn regards John's vision as a challenge to work here and now for the accomplishment of God's purposes on earth. The shape note tune provides an effective setting for this stirring text.

#### We Are Sent as God's Servants into the World

\*Hymn No. 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

\*Charge and Blessing

One: Alleluia! Amen.

Many: Alleluia! Amen.

The Postlude All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. Smith

\*(Please rise in body or in spirit.)

‡(Time to seat those who arrive after the start of the service)

The flowers this morning are given by Casey Woodburn in loving memory of Sam and Sally Woodburn.

#### Leading and Serving in Worship Today

The Rev. Larry Cracraft, Guest Pastor Phyllis Lesage, Liturgist Sean Foster, Director of Chancel Choir Kelsey Wise, Organist Chancel Choir Edith Tice, Reader

#### **Worship Notes**

*Christ Is Arisen* (Introit) arranged by Patrick M. Liebergen

Christ is arisen, praise the Lord! Hail the Savior, King adored! Songs of joy we gladly bring, all the faithful join and sing: Christ is arisen, praise the Lord! Hail the Savior, King adored!

### **More Love to Thee** (Anthem) by Timothy Shaw

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to Thee.

Once earthly joy I craved. Sought peace and rest; Now Thee alone I seek, Give what is best. This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee.

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise; This be the parting cry my heart shall raise. This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee.

Amen.

# 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

