

## **We Gather as the People of God**

Musical Call to Worship

Greeting and Invitation to Discipleship

Opening Sentences

Leader: Love the Lord your God,

**People: with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

Leader: Love your neighbor as yourself,

**People: with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

Leader: Do this and you will live!

**People: Let us worship God!**

\*†Hymn No. **12**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*(Let us pray with one voice.)*

**God of Mercy: We confess that we have failed to live as your beloved children. We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business; we have harbored uncharitable thoughts toward our enemies and friends; we have avoided difficult responsibilities to our neighbors.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our selfish ways and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*(Moment for Silent Prayer)*

Assurance of Pardon

Exchange of the Peace

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Greet one another in the peace of Christ.

## **We Hear God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Scott Randle

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

## **We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith

(from *Phil 2:5-11*)

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.**

**Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

*Oh, had I Jubal's lyre*

Handel

Joys and Concerns of the People

**Joy:** First Presbyterian Church, Halstead

**Ministry:** Bus Tickets

**Care and Comfort:** Pam Head, Penny Hilton, Alan Phares, Rose Woolsey

**Sympathy:** to Paul Mueller and family at the death of Phyllis

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.**

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

\*Hymn No. **826**

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

\*Charge and Blessing

Leader:

Alleluia! Amen.

**People:**

**Alleluia! Amen.**

The Postlude

*Lift High the Cross*

Arr. Raney

## **Leading and Serving in Worship Today**

Scott Randle, Elder

Kirk Anderson, Director of Student Ministries

Sean Foster, Director of Music Ministries

Kelsey Wise, Organist

Carter Tholl, Soloist

Liturgy comes from: Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Year C Volume 2

## Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain  
Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.