

## We Gather as the People of God

Musical Call to Worship

Greeting and Invitation to Discipleship

\*Opening Sentences

Leader: God is here,

**People: for God longs to be in relationship with us.**

Leader: God is here,

**People: for God loves the sinners and the saints.**

Leader: God is here,

**People: let us worship our Holy God.**

\*Hymn No. **610** *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

(HYMN ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*(Let us pray with one voice.)*

**Gracious God, Zacchaeus valued money over people and power over equality. He was a sinner, and so are we. We are quick to prioritize the wrong things—We lose sight of what really matters. Forgive us for our ignorance and impatience. Call us back to the life you long for us to lead. With humility and gratitude 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.

## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*

## KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing 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

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 132:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Radical Unraveling of Vocation*

Catherine Neelly Burton

## We Respond to God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(The Apostles' Creed)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

*Blow Ye the Trumpet*

Mecham

Thanksgiving for Sean Foster

Joys and Concerns of the People

**Joy:** Backpack Event

**Ministry:** Economy Corner

**Care and Comfort:** Alan Phares, Norman Tice

**Sympathy:** to the Watkins Burch family at the death of Alisa Watkins' mother

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. **463**      *How Firm a Foundation*      FOUNDATION

(HYMN ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

\*Charge and Blessing

Leader:                      Alleluia! Amen.  
People:                      **Alleluia! Amen.**

The Postlude

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

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

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Kelsey Wise, Organist

Liturgy comes from: A Sanctified Art, written by Sarah Are

## 463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.