

## We Gather as the People of God

Musical Call to Worship

Greeting and Invitation to Discipleship

Opening Sentences from Psalm 67

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

**People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.**

Leader: Let all the peoples praise you.

**People: Let all the ends of the earth revere God.**

Hymn No. 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (Verses 1-4) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

(Hymn printed on the following pages)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*(Let us pray with one voice.)*

**Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us that our lives may testify to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ. 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 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-36

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

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# 15 All Creatures of Our God and King

*Unison*

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice  
 2 O broth - er wind with clouds and rain, you nur - ture gifts  
 3 O broth - er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad -  
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain

*Harmony*

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 of fruit and grain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ows of the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 or sor - row grieve, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

O broth - er sun with gold - en beam, O sis - ter moon  
 O sis - ter wa - ter, flow - ing clear, make mu - sic for  
 Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un - folds such bless -  
 Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; so, e - ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

*Harmony*

with sil - ver gleam,                      sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!  
 your Lord to hear.                      Sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ings on our way,                      sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!  
 the midst of tears,                      sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia!    Al - le - lu - ia!    Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Sing praises! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 Sing praises! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

(from *A Declaration of Faith*)

**Israel did not cease to be God's people. Yet out of Israel a new people was formed. The Spirit came with power to the followers of Jesus. Led by the apostles they began to proclaim with boldness the new thing God had done in Christ. They began to experience in their fellowship a new quality of common life.**

**We believe that by the power of the same Spirit the church can be set on its way again, even when it seems beyond hope of renewal. We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings. We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold ourselves open in the present to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit. Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Blessing of the Backpacks

Joys and Concerns of the People

**Joy:** First Presbyterian Independence

**Ministry:** Outdoor Prayer Service

**Care and Comfort:** Pam Head, Isaac Salazar, June Vogt

**Sympathy:** to Heather Coulter at the death of Pat; to the family and friends of June Parsons

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. **694**     *Great God of Every Blessing*     AURELIA

(Hymn printed on the following page)

Charge and Blessing

**Leader:** Alleluia! Amen.

**People:** Alleluia! Amen.

The Postlude

### Leading and Serving in Worship Today

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# 694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,  
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,  
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.  
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.  
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:  
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.