## GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

#### Attention

Only Just Begun

The Work of the People

#### Attention II

Gracious God, stay with us always, as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith, in you. Turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Your light shines in the face of Christ. As we gather to worship You, shine in our hearts and lives. May your name be praised, glorious God! Amen.

Prelude

Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Welcome & Announcements

Virtual Check-In

#### ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORSHIP

#### Call-to-Worship

- Leader: To disciples, now and then, Jesus has said, "You are the light of the world… Let your light so shine before all, that they may see your good works and glorify your Parent who is in heaven."
- People: We have come together to be community, to receive light, and to be light. To this end we dedicate ourselves.
- Leader: We have come together to be windows through which, instructed and illuminated by God, we might see the world more clearly.
- People: We have come to be windows through which the world might know the light and love of God. To this end we will praise and magnify God.

#### Hymn

#### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave; Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above, Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love. Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee; Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our crown before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

#### Invocation

Rev. Mark Rambo

Living God, come, be known among us. Help us to perceive your presence, as near as breath, yet hidden. Help us to seek you as you are seeking us. Speak your word of love and acceptance. Call us and make us true disciples of Christ. Transform us through your provocative Spirit. All glory be to you, O God, in Christ and the church forever! Amen.

#### The Written Word

#### Psalm 147: 1–11, 20

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; gathers the outcasts of Israel. God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. God determines the number of the stars; gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord and abundant in power; understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. For God covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. God gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. God's delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor the pleasure in the speed of a runner; but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear God, in those who hope in God's steadfast love.

Praise the Lord!

## Prayers of the People

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#### COMING TO THE TABLE

#### Invitation and Call-to-Communion

We dare not come to this table trusting in our own goodness or virtue. We come knowing we need forgiveness and trusting God to grant it. We come because we are hungry for meaning and need to be fed. God, forgive and feed us. We come because Jesus Christ invited us.

We come as Christ's guests to this banquet. We come in remembrance, but much more; in recalling the sacrifice of Christ for us we are moved to Christ-like identification with suffering humanity. We join here not in passive recollection of ancient signs, but in active reflection of the flesh and blood realities which these signs represent. Jesus, stands among us today as host and celebrant!

## **Prayer of Confession**

You are our light, O God. In your presence our lives are illumined, our way becomes clearer. Yet we confess to you, O God, that we often hide our light under a bushel. Not trusting your skills in relationships, we do not reach out in friendship, we do not raise issues which should be raised, we do not break the silence of anger to give or seek forgiveness. Help us to trust in you where we cannot trust ourselves. Radiate through us with your holy love and wisdom, healing the hurts of the past, giving us courage for the future. Warm our coldness; relax our tight muscles; give us clarity and peace. Give us your Grace. Amen.

#### Song of Communion

## Grace at the Cross

Darrell Born

It doesn't matter what you may have done, the times you have failed and the enemy's won No matter your secrets, no matter your shame, there is grace.

If joy has vanished and clouds hide the sun, if you get discouraged and all hope is gone When night closes in and you feel all alone, there is grace.

There is grace...There is grace at the cross, so fall down on your knees.

When pardon is granted and mercy flows free.

There your burdened soul can find liberty, at the cross. There is grace at the cross.

When there is conflict and friends walk away, you have a Savior who always will stay.

He knows your heart and will hear when you pray, there is grace. There is grace.

There is grace at the cross, so fall down on your knees,

where pardon is granted and mercy flows free,

There your burdened soul can find liberty, at the cross. There is grace at the cross.

And at Calvary, Jesus rescued me. Took my sin, and in its place, offered grace.

There is grace at the cross, so fall down on your knees,

Where pardon is granted and mercy flows free, mercy flows free.

There your burdened soul can find liberty, at the cross. There is grace at the cross.

## Table of Grace

Bread + Cup

## Words of Assurance

For all who have come believing in Christ as the Way, there is rest from your fruitless labors, forgiveness of your sins, and the guarantee of eternal life. Let us then continue our journey of faith and obedience, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song of Response	May the Mind of Christ My Savior	#402, v. 1, 2, 6, 7
May the mind of Christ my	Savior live in me from day to day,	
By Christ's love and pow'r co	ontrolling, all I do and say.	
May the Word of God dwell	richly, in my heart from hour to hour,	
So that all may see I triump	h only thru God's power.	
May I run the race before m	e, strong and brave to face the foe,	
Looking only unto Jesus, as	l onward go.	
May Christ's beauty rest upo	on me as I seek the lost to win,	
And may they forget the ch	annel, seeing only Him.	

## ENTERING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

#### The Written Word

#### Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do."

And he went throughout Galilee proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Spoken Word

Bob and Weave

Rev. Mark Rambo

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY** 

Mission Moment – Slideshow

## **Tithes & Offering**

#### Hymn

#### The Master has Come

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The Master has come, and He calls us to follow, the track of the footprints He leaves on our way Far over the mountain and thru the deep hollow the path leads on to the mansions of day. The Master has called us, the children who fear Him, who march 'neath Christ's banner, His own little band; We love Him and seek Him, we long to be near Him, And rest in the light of His beautiful land.

The Master has called us – the road may be dreary, and dangers and sorrows are strewn on the track; But God's Holy Spirit shall comfort the weary – We follow the Savior and cannot turn back The Master has called us, tho' doubt and temptation may compass our journey, we cheerfully sing; Press onward, look upward, thru much tribulation the children of Zion must follow their King. The Master has called us in life's early morning, with spirits as fresh as the dew on the sod; We turn from the world with its smiles and its scorning to cast in our lot with the people of God. The Master has called us, His sons and His daughters, we plead for His blessing and trust in His love And thru green pastures, beside the still waters, He'll lead us at las to His kingdom above.

## Weekly Challenge

Postlude

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Benediction

Walk Humbly • Love Completely • Live Differently