

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

VOTUM

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made the heavens and the earth.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

‘Come, Now Is the Time to Worship’

(Brian Doerksen)

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

Verse 1

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the world is dark and full of hate and fear, when we cannot see God,
we will turn on the light.

When we cannot find our way back to love and peace,
we will turn on the light.

When our vision dims due to the darkness within,
we will turn on the light.

Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.

The light of the world is Jesus Christ.

Come and worship the one who brings sight to the blind.

Hallelujah! Praise God, the light of the world!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain, we would rather shut our eyes and be blind than see things as they really are. Grant us the courage to face the reality of our world, and give us the strength to bring Your light to those who walk in darkness. Help us see others as You see them, and forgive us when we do not trust You enough to open our eyes to the possibilities before us. Heal our self-inflicted blindness, O God, and lead us in the footsteps of the Light of the World, who reveals Your glory in his life, his teachings, and his love. It is in his holy name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

ANTHEM

‘Servant’s Heart’

(Ron Hamilton)

CHILDREN’S TIME AND LORD’S PRAYER

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 3:1-10

³ My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments;
² for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. ³ Do not let
loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet
of your heart. ⁴ So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people.

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. ⁶ In all
your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. ⁷ Do not be wise in

your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. ⁸ It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body. ⁹ Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ryan T Nace

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

RECOGNITION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of light and love and peace, we praise Your name for leading us in paths of righteousness, that we may come into Your presence, forgiven and free. We give You thanks for guiding us to this place: where we may rest beside the still waters of Your grace, where we are filled with the good gifts of Your goodness and mercy. We worship You with all that we are, and we bless Your name for all that we will be as we continue on our journey, a journey that leads us to Your kingdom, where we will dwell with You forever. We offer You these gifts, that You might bless them and send them out everywhere in need of Your light. Lord, let it be so. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN #380

‘Just a Closer Walk with Thee’

Verse 1

I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk let me walk close to Thee

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be dear Lord let it be

Verse 2

Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter Lord who cares
Who with me my burden shares
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee

Verse 3

When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore to Thy shore

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