



Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

# **GATHERING**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** 

Liebesbotschaft Franz Schubert

Katia Dinas

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come."

And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Revelation 22:17

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP Kathleen Ferguson, Lay Liturgist

Leader: Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

People: We rejoice in the Lord!

Leader: Christ has said, "Surely I am coming soon."

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

♦ OPENING HYMN GTG 365

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!

CALL TO CONFESSION

What idols we fashion with our hands, how much energy and time serving them occupy our hearts. Let us confess how we have misplaced our priorities and seek the One who asks to be first in our lives.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Enslaved to sin, we cannot see the lives we lead, O God of Glory. Each day there are those times when we ignore you and your dreams for us and for all creation. Each week, we find time to ridicule others, when we could have affirmed them. Each moment, we default to seek our own way rather than walking down your path of joy and obedience. We seek forgiveness for our foolish lives, O Eternal Blessing. Deliver us and break the chains of sin and death which hold us captive. Open to us that grace you offer and may the Spirit envelope us to live as people of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### SILENT CONFESSION

#### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

In the beginning was God, and at the end will be God, and in every moment in between, there is God: creating, redeeming, and sustaining us.

Through Christ, gracious love is poured into our empty souls; through the Spirit, peace becomes the gift we can share with our neighbors. Thanks be to God!

# **♦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

GTG 582

MARION

Glory to God. Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

# HEARING THE WORD

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

And the Father Will Dance Mark Hayes

Jeremy Rohwer, director

And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves.

Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!

And He will joy over you in song; And He will joy over you in song!

My soul will make its boast in God, for He has answered all my cries. His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.

Awake, my soul! Awake, my soul! Awake, my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice, Let my spirit rejoice, Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear for you have been restored! Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day. Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song. And He will joy over you in song, And He will joy over you in song!

And the Father will dance over you in joy! And the Father will dance over you in joy!

He will take delight in whom He loves! He will take delight in whom He loves!

Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!

God rejoices over you. God rejoices over you in song!

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST READING** 

John 17:20-26

**SECOND READING** 

Psalm 97

SERMON Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

"The Reign of Justice"

## RESPONDING

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Confession of 1967, 9.54

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and women and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

♦ HYMN OF MEDITATION GTG 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.

**OFFERING** 

Offertory A Prayer for Renewal Franklin Ritter

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow GTG 606

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

Holy God, we cling tightly to our worthless idols. Unclench our hands, our hearts, our spirits, so we may be generous with those in need – healing, feeding, loving, caring, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

# **SENDING**

**♦HYMN OF DEDICATION** 

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

GTG 265

**DUKE STREET** 

**♦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION** 

We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

#### **♦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**GTG 80** 

You Shall Go Out with Joy

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

♦ Stand as you are able

Gerry Shotswell

Katelyn Spivey

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal

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#### **PRAYER LIST**

Dale Durcholz
Mike Jones
Dennis Van Deventer
David Duell
Tom Duell
George & Mozelle Mills

# Homebound or Recovering:

Freddie Simmons, Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)

# FUPC Choir and Music leadership

David Pierce, Director of Music Katia Dinas, Pianist Soprano Alto Tenor Bass Marissa Guerrero Patti Sloev **Houston Burns** Hawkins Burns Jessica Stottlemyer Kyle Feather Lois Norton Rich Lewis Barbara Ritchie Renee Wensley Jeremy Rohwer Zachary Rohwer



#### May – Donations for Metrocrest Services

Do you have any clothes in good shape that you don't need? What about small household appliances? If so, bring them to the church during May and the Outreach Committee will donate them to Metrocrest Services. Metrocrest services those in need of clothes and household goods by giving them vouchers to use at the resale shop on Midway and Trinity Mills. Help us "Meet the needs of our neighbors"



# God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice! 365



# Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



#### **HYMN of DEDICATION**

# 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



#### The Session

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie, Moderator of Session Rich Lewis, Clerk of Session & Treasurer

## Class of 2022

- \*Kathleen Ferguson, W&M
- \*Debbie Menefee, CL
- \*Katie Miller, CE
- \*Tracy Tiemann, B&G

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- \*Courtland Lewis, O&E
- \*Patti Sloey, Finance Brenda Burkham, CL

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