



(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit  
*Bold Italic Letters* indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Jack Brooks

WELCOME

Liturgist: Jimmy Chapman

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ abides in us.

**And we abide in him.**

Christ has the words of eternal life:

**We believe and trust that he is the Holy One of God.**

As we hear the gospel of peace today,

**Let us choose again whom we will serve.**

We will serve the God of liberation and new life,

**The God who hears and answers when we call.**

We bring our praises and our prayers to God,

**Trusting God to meet us as we gather.**

Let us worship our God together!

\*HYMN #37

Let All Things Now Living

CONFESSION

Our psalm for today reminds us: “The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned” (Psalm 34:22).

*Loving God, through Christ you abide in us, and you invite us to abide in you. But so often we are restless and unsatisfied. Instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers to us, we chase after money and fame, recognition and power, status and control. Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors, we push others down in the pursuit of our own desires. Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to a different way of being in the world, to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ. Lead us out of self-interest and into communal care for one another and the world you have made. In Christ’s name we pray; Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI #581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Bible p. 183, LG p. 237

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God.***

SECOND READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Bible p. 168, LG p. 218

The word of God for the people of God

***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

Election Morning 2024

Rev. Christopher Lee

—Response—

\*HYMN #720

Jesus Calls Us

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Book of Common Worship)

*Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but empties himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.*

*Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*