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Call to Worship **Hidden Place based on Psalm 32**

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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sins, **whose mercy endures forever. Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. **Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.**

Trusting in God's goodness, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, our lives are to be marked with the signs of discipleship. You call us to encourage and invite yet we judge and exclude. You call us to study, pray and worship yet we busy our minds and lives with noise that distract us from hearing your still, small voice. You call us to give and serve yet we take and demand without counting the cost. Forgive us O Lord for our ways and teach us yours. Mark us once again with your grace and lead us on the road to new life in you for the sake of Jesus, our savior and Lord. Amen.

God meets us on the road of life and walks us into wholeness. Take heart, all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Let us now worship with hearts pointed to the Truth North, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Rise, Shine You People LBW 393

Rise, shine you people Christ the Lord has entered our human story God in him is centered. He comes to us by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the powers of evil reeling, he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate your banners high unfurling; your songs and prayer against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from every nation. His new creation.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of the Journey, always you are leading us into fuller faithfulness and deeper devotion. Guide us step by step as we walk on the road of discipleship. We follow Jesus trusting the Spirit to guide us in the ways you desire for us to live and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Quilt Blessing

Centering Song Be Thou My Vision by Nathan Pacheco

https://youtu.be/ihJAJA4ibEs?si=R_nir0wprmYoOI_1

Welcome the Word Will You Come and Follow Me ELW 798

Lord, I will come and follow you when you but call my name.

Let me turn and walk with you and never be the same.

In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Now it is not necessary for me to write you about the ministry to the saints, for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year, and your zeal has stirred up most of them. But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be put to shame—to say nothing of you—in this undertaking. So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a bountiful gift and not as an extortion.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

**“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”**

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day We Are an Offering ELW 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives they are yours;
we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we give to you,
we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you we are an offering,
we are an offering.

Baptism

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

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

Offering Prayer

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God of Abundance, **on this road of life you continually provide for us our daily bread. In thanksgiving for your faithfulness we return to you this portion. Use it to bless your people and your world even as we prepare to be blessed at this holy table, by Jesus, the bread of life. It is in his name we pray. Amen.**

Words of Consecration

Following Jesus' death and resurrection he took a long walk on a road with a couple of his first disciples. They did not recognize him, for they thought he was still dead. It was not until they gathered at a table and Jesus broke bread that their eyes were opened as they recalled gathering for a similar meal just days before

with Jesus who took bread...bless O Lord these gifts of Christ's body and blood, let your Holy Spirit move over, in and through them so that as we receive them we might, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, recognize Jesus is with us, the who taught us to pray,

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

God of Grace, in the sharing of this sacred meal our hearts have been strangely warmed by Christ's presence. In this time of worship the scriptures have been opened to us. Send us now, fed and nourished, on the road of discipleship readied to be your people in your world in Jesus' name.

Announcements

Blessing

On the road of your faith life may you be encouraged in your discipleship by Jesus who meets you at the crossroads and guides your every step. Be blessed on your journey in the name of the Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending Hymn

We All Are One in Mission ELW 576

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

A single great commission compels us from above to work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service, to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:

To touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.

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Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!