

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### WEEK A:

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

**People: Let us say it again: Rejoice.**

Leader: Whatever is true, just, and pleasing, think about these things,

**People: and the God of peace will be with you.**

### WEEK B:

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down.

**People: Let us call upon God and listen for God's voice.**

Leader: The Lord declares:

**People: Be still and know that I am God.**

### \*\*\*\*\*WEEK C:

Leader: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

**People: Come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Worship the Eternal One in the beauty of holiness.

**People: God draws near to the humble.**

## OPENING PRAYER

### HYMN 610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*Please stand as you are able when the hymn is announced.*

## CALL TO PRAYER

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. [Silent prayers]

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### SUNG RESPONSE ("GLORIA"): HYMN 583

*Please stand as you are able.*

### THE PEACE

*Please greet your neighbors, saying, "Peace be with you."*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 10:40-42

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,  
and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.  
Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet  
will receive a prophet's reward,  
and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person  
will receive the reward of the righteous,  
and whoever gives even a cup of cold water  
to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple  
—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham.

He said to him, "Abraham!"

And he said, "Here I am."

He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love,  
and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering  
on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey,  
and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac;  
he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out

and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.

On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.

Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey;  
the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."

Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac,  
and he himself carried the fire and the knife.

And the two of them walked on together.

Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!"

And he said, "Here I am, my son."

He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."

And the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him,

Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order.

He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.

Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And  
he said, "Here I am."

He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him,  
for now I know that you fear God,  
since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."  
And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns.  
Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So  
Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day,  
"On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Reader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN 36**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

*Please stand as you are able when the hymn is announced.*

### **SERMON**

**"Texts of Terror"**

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

**THE APOSTLES' CREED:** PAGE 35 in the hymnal. *Please stand as you are able.*

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, his Only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin, Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS**

**Pass the Handheld Mic**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER:** PAGE 35 in the hymnal.

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

### **OFFERINGS & GIFTS OF SELF**

**OFFERTORY / SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SUNG RESPONSE (“DOXOLOGY”):**

**HYMN 606 (gendered) or 607 (non-gendered)** *Please stand as you are able.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CLOSING HYMN 852** *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

*Please stand as you are able when the hymn is announced.*

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**