

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

Opening Voluntary "Prelude and Fugue in C" J. S. Bach
The ushers will collect Prayer Concern cards during the Prelude.

Gathering Song (11:00) "God Welcomes All" THEMBA AMEN
Glory to God, #399

✦ Call to Worship (Psalm 98)

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*

**We will sing praises to the Lord with the lyre
and the sound of the horn.**

*Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.*

**We will sing you a new song, O God,
for the marvelous things you have done.
Let us worship God!**

✦ Hymn 385 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" OLD HUNDRETH

✦ Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, you created us to be good
but we are not always good to ourselves or others.**

Instead of sharing, we are stingy.

It is easy to think only of ourselves.

**We pray for things we want instead of praying for others
and we do not trust that you will provide for our needs.**

**Please remind us each day, that we are your children and
forgive our selfish ways. Amen.**

✦ Silent Confession

✦ Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

✦ Assurance of Forgiveness (Psalm 118:1)

*Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God's love endures forever.*

**Children of God, be filled with joy because in
Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

✦ Congregational Response "Gloria Patri" (# 581)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson 2 Kings 4:42-44 (O.T. p.336)

Choral Response (11:00) Robert H. McIver
"The Wise May Bring Their Learning"

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 4:14-16 (N.T. p.194)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*(Children who are kindergarten age or younger
are invited to go to extended care.)*

Gospel Lesson John 6:1-15 (N.T. p.97)

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Sermon "Unlikely Stewards" Susan Sytsma Bratt

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✦ Hymn 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

✦ Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (*hymnal*, p. 35)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory (8:30)

"Musette"

Gordon Young

Choral Exhortation (11:00)

David Kallman

"Walk As Children of Light"

✦ Doxology *Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore –

One holy God, whom we adore. Amen.

✦ Prayer of Dedication

✦ Hymn 526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" LINSTEAD

SENDING

✦ Charge and Benediction

**Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is
good; return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons; love and
serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Choral Dismissal (11:00) "Go With Us, Lord" TALLIS' CANON
Glory to God, #748

Closing Voluntary "Laudation" Gilbert Martin

(✦ The congregation standing)

The lay reader today is Gary Sommerfelt (8:30).

The flowers today are given by Kathi and Gary Sommerfelt to the
glory of God and in celebration of their thirty-third wedding
anniversary.

The ushers are Nell Green & Darrell Kerr (8:30).

Observations from our children:

"What do these passages mean?"

We have seen in the Old Testament stories, the New Testament
stories, and today, God's blessings are often surprising and come in
many shapes and sizes.

Blessings and gifts result from generosity. They are not to be wasted.

Worship Notes

Today is Children's Sabbath, a Sunday when our children lead
worship at the 11 a.m. service. Our liturgy today was selected, and in
some places written, by our 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Sunday School
children. These words and lessons come from what they have learned
about God and worship in Sunday School this Fall.

The bulletin cover art contains words our children used to describe
worship and mission as they were planning the service.

Thank you for receiving the gift of worship planning and leadership
from our Northridge children. This is one way we live into our
Baptismal vows to shape our children in faith and worship.