

## PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

Opening Voluntary "Prelude on 'Nyland'" Richard Cummins  
(Glory to God #725 "O Jesus I Have Promised")  
The ushers will collect Prayer Concern cards during the Voluntary.

Gathering Song 11:00 Ken Medema  
"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"  
Glory to God, # 469

✦ Call to Worship  
*Young and old, the convinced and cynical,  
disciplined followers and half-hearted stumblers.*

**Gather us in.**  
*Hearers of the call and those who refuse,  
over-eager responders and those reluctant.*

**Gather us in.**  
*Women and men, those in the center and those on the boundaries.*

**Gather us in.**  
*In this time and in this place we are one in purpose.  
So open yourselves to each other and the Spirit.*

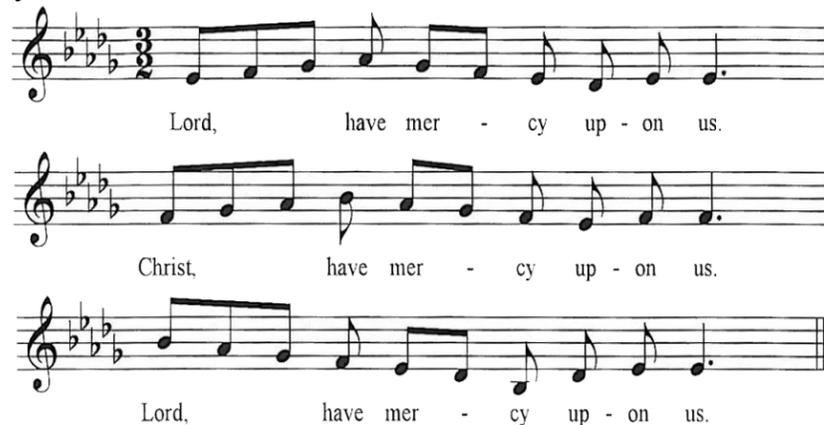
**Let us worship and live.**

✦ Hymn 401 "Here in This Place" GATHER US IN

✦ Prayer of Confession  
**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by 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,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Through Christ, 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 Pardon (1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24)  
*Hear the good news:  
This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*  
**He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.**  
*Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

✦ Congregational Response "Gloria Patri" (# 581)

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (O.T. p.616)

*The word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm for the Day 11:00 Psalm 150:3-4  
In a choral setting "Hallelujah Praise the Lord" Robert Ray

*(Children who are kindergarten age or younger are invited to go to  
extended care with our DCFM, Cynthia Petty.)*

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:13-35 (N.T. p.90)

*The word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Tilted Table" Susan Sytsma Bratt

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✦ Hymn 770 WELCOME TABLE  
"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

✦ 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  
Sung Prayer "Fill My Cup" Isaiah Jones  
*On cue the congregation sings the refrain of Glory to God, #699.*

✦ 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 313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy" SPIRITUAL

## 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.**

Closing Voluntary "We're Marching to Zion" Alec Wyton

(✦ The congregation standing)

The acolyte is Avery Schaub.

The lay readers are Linda Hale Buchanan (8:30) and Ray Chavez  
(11:00).

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Phyllis Wilbourne with  
blessings for all our veterans who have served our country and with  
thanksgiving to God for Northridge Presbyterian Church.

We give thanks to God this morning for the musical leadership of  
Susan Seamans, piano, and Drew Lang, drums.

The ushers are Laird & Ruth Johnson (8:30) and Tom, Mason, & Drew  
Ellis and Doug Bissell (11:00).

## Thanksgiving Mission Project – Veterans' Gift Bags

Thank you to all who have returned your completed gift bags already.  
We need all the gift bags back here by next Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, as that  
is when our volunteers will take them to the VA Hospital and  
personally hand them out to our veterans. Gift bags are still needed  
and are available in the narthex. You can sign up to help deliver them  
at the table too. We will serve lunch to the delivery volunteers in  
Quillin Hall right after 11 o'clock worship and then carpool over to  
the VA Hospital.