



**PRELUDE**

Hymn Medley

arr. N. Olanday

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#110 We Come, O Christ, to You

DARWALL'S 148th

**\*INVOCATION AND 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord,  
we confess that we fail to live as Kingdom people.  
We delay seeking reconciliation  
while we wait for a perfect time.  
We put off doing deeds of kindness  
while we wait for a more convenient time.  
We neglect spending time in prayer  
or reading your Word because we are too busy.  
Forgive us Lord. Reorder our priorities.  
Help us to live faithfully in the present.  
Help us to live confidently in the certainty  
that you will return when the time is right.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

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.

**FIRST READING**

Psalms 78:1-7

Page 594, 1st half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**RESPONSIVE READING**

One: The Lord says:

Listen to my teaching that you may set your hope in me.

**Many: Incline our ears to discern your Word.**

One: Generations past have told the Good News.

**Many: Open our hearts to receive their stories.**

One: You are now the mentors, the keepers of the stories.

**Many: Empower us to teach the next generations,**

**All: then all will know and set their hope in God,  
and learn to love and follow Him.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

#349 Seek Ye First (we will sing 2 x)

K. Lafferty

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN OF MEDITATION**

Bring Many Names (see green insert)

WESTCHASE

**SECOND READING**

Matthew 25:1-13

Pages 28-29, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**SERMON**

Rev. Susan Hunter

**CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

When He Cometh Medley

arr. N. Olanday

**\*New Doxology**

Marco Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

\*Prayer of Gratitude

**\*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#569 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

**\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**\*The Sending of the Community**

**\*Congregational Amen**

*The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week*

**POSTLUDE**

Oh, How I Love Jesus

arr. N. Olanday

**\*Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Dr Anne Bellamy;

Prayers of the People - Gordon Dinwoodie;

Scripture Reading - Debbie Benson, Greg Schoepp;

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some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that  
people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday  
morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.*

— FBC Council