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Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

Faithful God, You do not promise that following You will be easy, but You teach us that Your way is one of peace, gentleness, and mercy for all. Guide us by Your wisdom and inspire us to embrace this way of living so that we might draw near to You. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship – From Psalm 1**

L: Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

P: **But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

P: **But not the wicked! They are like chaff, scattered by the wind.**

L: Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

P: **For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

***Hymn**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

RED #4

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have Sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, You are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with You! Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. Amen. *(Time of silence for personal reflection)*

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

***Gloria Patri** *“Glory Be to the Father”* **PH #579**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples Linda Claussen

Gospel Reading James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

New Testament Reading/Sermon Text John 5:31-47

Sermon *“A Preposterous Partnership”* Dr. McCormick

***Hymn** *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* **RED #28**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – “Good News Confession”**

(This is found inside the back cover of the Red Hymnal Book)

