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Proverbs 16:3



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The human mind plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps.

~ Proverbs 16: 3, 9

~ **GATHERING** ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Proverbs 16:3*)

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PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*based on Psalm 36*)

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness, O God, spreads to the skies.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your justice like the great deep.

How precious is your active love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

We feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give us drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and establish the ways of the faithful of heart.

Come, let us commit our worship to God.

***HYMN**

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART!

GTG #804

by Edward Hayes Plumptre

MARION

CHILDREN OF GOD

THANK YOU, OMU!

by Oge Mora

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand. The works of our hands crumble around us, and our best efforts are not good enough; sin is real, and we are powerless before it. Forgive us for thinking we know best. Mend our broken values and create in us hearts that seek your purposes, so that what we build with our lives may give you glory.

Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is good news! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

***RESPONSE**

I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER
African American spiritual

GTG #623

~ ***THE WORD*** ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

PROVERBS 16:1-9, 18-20

(NRSV)

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 4:26-33

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

RESPONSE

LORD, PREPARE ME
by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

GTG #701
SANCTUARY

~ ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD*** ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Adapted from the Confession of 1967*)

Already God's reign is present as an agitation in the world, stirring hope in humanity and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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“Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE** DOXOLOGY GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN ONE BREAD, ONE BODY GTG #530
by John B. Foley

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** ... joining the song of all creation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ ***SENDING*** ~

***HYMN** COMMIT YOUR WAY TO GOD THE LORD GTG #706
by Michael Perry GUILSBOROUGH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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