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your plans will be established** *Proverbs 16:3*

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It is impossible to be truly converted to God without being converted to our neighbor.

~ John R. W. Stott

~ GATHERING ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Proverbs 16:3)*

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and your plans will be established.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 146)*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Praise the holy name of God, maker of heaven and earth.

As the plots of the powerful perish, as the schemes of rulers turn to dust,
there stands the One who reigns forever, keeping faith with us:

freeing prisoners and watching over foreigners,
establishing justice and lifting those who are lonely and abandoned.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Praise the holy name of God, maker of heaven and earth.

Come, let our worship praise the Lord.

*HYMN LORD, WHO MAY DWELL WITHIN YOUR HOUSE GTG #418
by Christopher L. Webber *(Psalm 15)* RIDGEMOOR

CHILDREN OF GOD WHY DO WE... *Pass the Peace?*

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

All: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Based on 1 Timothy 6)*

Holy God, giver of all that is good, we recognize that you are the source of all that is. Everything we have is a gift from you. But we fall into temptation of riches and are trapped by senseless desires that plunge people into ruin. We have wandered, at times, away from the faith, setting our hopes in the uncertainty of riches, rather than on you, God. So forgive us, we pray. Teach us again what it is to rely upon you. Lead us to do good, to be rich in good works; storing up the treasure of a good foundation for the future. Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

***RESPONSE** LORD, HAVE MERCY GTG #551
American folk melody LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*Based on 1 Timothy 6*)

People of God, fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In God, who gives life to all things:
Through Christ, we are forgiven. Praise be to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***RESPONSE** I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER GTG #623
African American spiritual

MINUTE FOR NEIGHBORS NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

~ ***THE WORD*** ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE JEREMIAH 32: 1-3A, 6-15 (NRSV)

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN THE EARTH BELONGS TO GOD ALONE GTG #715
by Adam M. L. Tice SIMMONS

GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 16:19-31 (NRSV)

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON A GREAT CHASM

RESPONSE LORD, PREPARE ME GTG #701
by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs SANCTUARY

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY
OLD HUNDRETH

GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **SENDING** ~

Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

***HYMN**

MY SOUL CRIES OUT WITH A JOYFUL SHOUT

GTG #100

by Rory Cooney STAR OF THE COUNTRY DOWN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Pieces of today's liturgy are from:

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