



(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit  
*Bold Italic Letters* indicate congregational response

— *Gathering* —

**PRELUDE** Prelude in f minor (Bach) Joshua Allen  
**WELCOME** Rev. Michele Goff  
**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist: John Tieken

**\*HYMN #297** In Christ Called to Baptize

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the grace that is at work in us  
through the gift of our baptism—  
the sign of your threefold name, the communion of your faithful people,  
the promise of your glorious realm.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism,  
let your grace and peace grow in us, until we gather at your heavenly throne  
to give you thanks and praise forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION**

Jesus eagerly embraces anyone with a repentant heart.  
Let us come before Christ and offer ourselves in earnest confession together:

***Almighty God, we confess that we cannot see your image  
in each and every one of our neighbors.  
We call each other "sinner"; you call us by our names.  
We misjudge one another, we underestimate ourselves, and we undervalue creation.  
Pardon us, Holy One, by your grace.  
Reveal to us your vision for the world that we may see all people  
through eyes of care and hearts of compassion.***

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is what God's love is like:  
You are forgiven before asking. You are saved without condition.  
You are loved beyond measure. Rejoice in the gospel!  
***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.***

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

***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, amen.***

— *Word* —

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING** Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Bible p. 820-821, LG p. 1066-1067  
The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.  
Listen to the word of the Lord.

**SECOND TESTAMENT READING** 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Bible p. 194, LG p. 251

Hear the word of the Lord.  
Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.  
***Thanks be to God.***

**GOSPEL** Luke 19:1-10 Bible p. 77, LG p. 100

Hear God's wisdom for us.  
The wisdom of God for the people of God. ***Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON** Heard and Seen Rev. Michele Goff  
**ASCRPTION OF PRAISE**

— *Response* —

**\*HYMN #468** Lord, Be Glorified (In My Life)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33*  
**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church's mission.  
His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.  
His service to men and women commits the church  
to work for every form of human well-being.  
His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering  
so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.  
His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment  
on the inhumanity that marks human relations,  
and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.  
In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,  
the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society  
and of God's victory over all wrong.  
The church follows this pattern in the form of its life  
and in the method of its action.  
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the power of God to deliver us, let us make our prayers of intercession for all,  
saying: God our Savior, ***hear our prayer.***

... Merciful and mighty God, as you are one, make us one with you through Jesus Christ,  
whom you have sent to redeem us, and in whose holy name we pray. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

***Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.***