

PRELUDE: “O Jesus, I Have Promised To Serve You”

arr. Albin Whitworth

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. Receive the praise we offer with heart and voice. Fill us with your Spirit, that our praise may continue in our living and serving. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: “His Name Is Wonderful”

TWC 87

“CALL TO WORSHIP :(Based on Psalm 107)

Leader: O give thanks to God, for God is good!

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble.

All: We have been gathered in, let our voices join to praise the God of our life!

***OPENING HYMN:**

“O Worship The King.”

TWC 29

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confession is an act of courage in response to hearing the Good News. I invite you to become aware of truths that hurt, so that God can use us as instruments of healing and hope. Let us pray:

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We confess, mighty God, that worshiping you is not the center of our lives. We prefer busyness to quiet contemplation. We reach for artificial excitement instead of the steady pace of faithful service. We make our own “to-do” list, valuing our priorities above yours. Forgive our distracted and selfish ways, and refocus us on what is essential for us as children of the Living Lord.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Remember that you are chosen by Christ, who reconciles you to God. In Christ, our sins are forgiven and we are new creations.

All: We give thanks, remaining steadfast in faith, our hope in God’s good news!

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

TWC 805

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:15-28

SOLO: “Steal Away To Jesus”

Spiritual, arr. Harry Burleigh

Vocalist: Philip Aley

2nd SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 10:38-42

SERMON:

“ The Main Course”

Rev. Kellie Weekley Mills

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Apostle Creed**

Please see the laminated cards titled CREEDS located in the pew racks.

***HYMN:**

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

TWC 101

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

The wonderful works of God surround us. How will we show our gratitude? The generosity of God exceeds all limits. How will our living reflect the abundance of God’s mercy? We begin with a thank you, we continue with the offering of our life and labor. Let us bring to God our offering.

OFFERTORYMUSIC:“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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***DOXOLOGY**

TWC 809

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God, receive these gifts, which are the product of our labors, and let us not forget the better part of our offering, which is our devotion to the words of life we have received from Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN:**

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

TWC 96

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

TWC 840

***POSTLUDE:**

“Trumpet Tune”

Frederick Swann