

Gathering and Welcome

Prelude

*Call to Worship

One: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

One: We desire to live in God’s house and to seek God in his holy temple.

All: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord

One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

*Opening Hymn “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” No. 57

*Opening Prayer

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*Hymn of Preparation “Christ For the World We Sing” No. 568

Scripture Reading Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

Embracing the Word

Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn “Jesus Shall Reign” No. 157

*Blessing and Benediction

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. If you would like one, please see an usher.