



***During this time of social distancing, we ask that all singing and responsive reading be done from behind a mask.  
Thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and others safe during the pandemic.***

**Prelude**

*Greater Is He*

**Introit**

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Root*

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn #442**

**The Church's One Foundation**

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the word;  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we try to hide from you, for we have done wrong. O God, in your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness. Help us to choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.  
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*Congregational Response**

*Gloria Patri*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Magnify*

*Ingram*

**\*Hymn #592**

*The Doxology*

**\*Prayer of Commitment and the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Choral Response**

**Anthem**

*The Voice of God*

*Larson, Lloyd*

**Scripture Reading**

**John 1:19-23**

<sup>19</sup> And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

<sup>20</sup> He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

<sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

And he answered, "No."

<sup>22</sup> So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

<sup>23</sup> He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Time**

**\*Hymn #377**

**Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore**

1. You have come up to the lakeshore,  
Looking neither for wise nor for wealthy.  
You only wanted that I should follow.

Refrain:

O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me, and, while smiling, have called out my name.  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me, now with You I will seek other seas.

2. You know that I own so little,  
In my boat there's no money nor weapons,  
You'll only find there my nets and labor. (Refrain)

4. You, who have fished other oceans,  
Ever longed for by souls that are waiting,  
My dear and good friend, as thus You call me. (Refrain)

## Scripture Reading

2 Kings 1:2-8

<sup>2</sup> Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and lay sick; so he sent messengers, telling them, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this sickness."

<sup>3</sup> But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?' <sup>4</sup> Now therefore thus says the Lord, You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" So Elijah went.

<sup>5</sup> The messengers returned to the king, and he said to them, "Why have you returned?"

<sup>6</sup> And they said to him, "There came a man to meet us, and said to us, 'Go back to the king who sent you, and say to him, Thus says the Lord, Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'"

<sup>7</sup> He said to them, "What kind of man was he who came to meet you and told you these things?"

<sup>8</sup> They answered him, "He wore a garment of hair, with a belt of leather about his waist."

And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

## Sermon

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### The Power to Heal

*"He said to them, 'What kind of man was he who came to meet you and told you these things?'" (2 Kings 1:7)*

## \*Prayers of the People

### \*Hymn #281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

## \*Charge and Benediction

## **\*Closing Response**

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.

## **\*Postlude**

*Greater*

\*Please stand if able.

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