

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

**Prelude**A Heart Full of Love
(from Les Misérables)

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**Introit** This Is the House of the Lord

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Welcome

† Opening Music

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life, VS. 1-3,5

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- 1. Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of man.
- 2. In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears, from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.
- 3. From tender childhood's helplessness, from woman's grief, man's burdened toil, from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.
- O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again,

#### **Blessing for Children**

#### Prayers of the People

A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying. A time of silence will indicate when you may share one name or very short phrase to add.

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### 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 tresspasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

#### **Scriptures**

Habakkuk 2:9-11 (CEB)

Doom to the one making evil gain for his own house, for putting his own nest up high, for delivering himself from the grasp of calamity. You plan shame for your own house, cutting off many peoples and sinning against your own life. A stone will cry out from a village wall, and a tree branch will respond.

Mark 11:1-11 (CEB)

When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, saying to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away."

They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some people standing around said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. Those in front of him and those following were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!" Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

#### Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Do You Hear the People Sing?

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Message Do you Hear the People Sing? Rev. Bob Rhodes

# WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Reflection Kerry J. Beaumont
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† **Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

#### Confession, Assurance, and Peace

All: Source of our hope and promise, we would rather sing hosannas with a cheering crowd, than stand up for our convictions in the face of an angry mob; we would rather dine at your table with those we call friends, than admit we are no different from those we consider enemies; we would rather imagine our faithfulness in the face of opposition and temptation, than admit that we too might betray you with a kiss. Forgive the fickleness of our devotion, and strengthen our resolve to follow Christ each and every day, even to the cross, so that we might live as resurrection people. Amen.

Liturgist: God has opened the gates of righteousness and Christ has beckoned us to walk through. Sing with the children; throw your clothes upon the road, for the one who comes in the name of the Lord offers us salvation in his name. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Song

The Voice of God Is Calling

**UMH 436** 

- The voice of God is calling its summons in our day;
   Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say:
   "Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?
   Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?
- 2. "I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill; no field or mart is silent, no city street is still. I see my people falling in darkness and despair. Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?"
- 3. We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer: Here are we! Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be. Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour; but you can use our weakness to magnify your power.
- 4. From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve; purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve; take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way. Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!

#### † Benediction

**Postlude** 

Lied ohne Worte for organ "Adagio non troppo"

Felix Mendelssohn

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