



September 3rd, 2023

Gathering

During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.

Prelude “Prelude in C”

by J.S. Bach

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: There is One who seeks us,

People: One who meets us,

Leader: One who heals us,

People: One who invites us to the eternal feast,

Leader: One whose love washes over us,

People: and sets us free for joy.

Leader: This One is the Lord.

People: Let us worship the Lord, our God!

*Opening Hymn #2236 “Gather Us In”

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers

Art “Return of the Prodigal Son” Clemence Sophie de Sermezy



The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: Luke 15 (New Living Translation)

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “We Had to Celebrate”

*Hymn #507 “I Come With Joy” vs 1-4

Time for Response to the Sermon

Communion

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have left home and wandered as exiles in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings and awaken our hearts to sincere repentance, that we will return home and join your eternal feast.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Our salvation does not come from our own doing or not doing, but comes from God, by faith.

People: Through the faithfulness of our true elder brother, Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God most high.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer
Sharing the Bread and Cup
Prayer After Communion
Announcements

Sending

*Closing Hymn #261 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

*Benediction #507 "I Come With Joy" vs 5

Postlude "Fanfare" by Jacques Lemmens

Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God's presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Pastor; **Heidi Thomas**, Interim Music Director;
Eddie Lovegren, Liturgist; **Ryan Beach**, Communion Officiant; **Ryan Hodel**, Zoom Host

Offering - *We collect the offering in the following ways:*

- 1. Leave your offerings and pledges in the offering plate at the entrance of the chapel;*
- 2. Make a one-time donation online through our website: calvarypresdenver.org;*
- 3. Set up a regular donation online through the website. Your financial generosity and gifts of time help make our ministry in the community vibrant!*