



# THE GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

“Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein, *BWV 641*”

Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CHORAL INTROIT

*Fleurs des Noël's, 1535*

“Kind Maker of the World”

Kind Maker of the world, O hear the fervent prayer with many a tear poured forth by all the penitent who keep this holy fast of Lent!

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In Jesus Christ, there is a new creation.

**People: Everything old has passed away.  
Everything has become new.**

Leader: This newness is from God,  
who has reconciled us through Jesus Christ.

**People: Rejoice and be glad!**

**All: Everything has become new.**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 280

*Amazing Grace*

“Amazing Grace”

### PRAYER OF ADORATION 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.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of steadfast love and mercy, remind us once again that in Jesus Christ everything has become new. For far too often, things seem as they have always been: old habits die hard, difficult situations linger, and failures from our past haunt us. When we look around, we see that the world is still broken. We look for Your promised newness but cannot perceive it. Speak to us again of Your new creation. Open our eyes to its presence in our lives. Help us to recognize You in the face of each other, neighbor and stranger, friend and enemy. Help us to see You so we may accept Your grace. Amen.

### KYRIE 574

*David N. Johnson (1922-1987)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*All are invited to turn to those near you in worship, exchange a handshake or a nod of the head, and say “The peace of Christ be with you,” responding with “And also with you.”*

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 77, verse 5)

*Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

**Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by Your side;  
That with You we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.**

### ANTHEM

“Purge me, O Lord”

*Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)*

Purge me, O Lord, from all my sin, save thou me by faith from ill, that I may rest and dwell with thee on thy holy blessed hill: And, that done, grant that with true heart I may without hypocrisy affirm the truth, detract no man, but do all things with equity.—*anon. 16th century text*

## THE WORD

*After the singing of the anthem, all children are invited to come forward and sit on the chancel steps for the Children’s Message.*

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

#### \* HYMN (Glory to God Hymnal)

*Azmon*

“The Lord is God”

1 The Lord is God, the Lord alone!  
Give honor, thanks, and praise  
to God, the maker of all things  
and giver of our days.

2 With all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind and might,  
O people, love the Lord your God,  
the source of truth and light.

3 At night or day, at home, away,  
together and apart,  
O children, take these holy words  
and keep them in your heart.

4 The Lord is God, the Lord alone!  
Give honor, thanks, and praise  
to God, the maker of all things  
and giver of our days.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Catherine F. Eubanks*

Luke 10:25-37 (*Pew Bible, pages 71-72 N.T.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

*Rev. Rebekah McLeod Hutto*

“The One Who Showed Mercy”

## THE RESPONSE

### \* CONFESSION OF FAITH (*The Confession of 1967 9.22-9.23*)

**The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace. The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.**

### \* GLORIA PATRI 579

*Henry W. Greatorex (1813-1858)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray...

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*America*

**Not for this land alone,  
But be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore;  
And may the nations see that we must loving be,  
And form one family the wide world o’er. Amen.**

### \* INVITATION TO OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Thomas Tallis*

”Salvator mundi”

Salvator mundi, salva nos, qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos, auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster.

*Saviour of the world, save us, who by your cross and your blood has redeemed us; help us, we beseech you, our God.*

### \* DOXOLOGY 592

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE SENDING

### \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 408

*Germany*

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

### BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

#### POSTLUDE

*anon. 18th c. German*

“Fuge in g”

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*If you would like someone to pray with you or wish to learn more about the Christian faith and The Brick Church, you may meet with members of our Sunday Prayer Team after the service near the pulpit at the front of the Sanctuary.*