



GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with You.

All: And also with you.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 113 ~ Who is Like the Lord Our God?*

* **OPENING HYMN ~ #17 Our Great Savior (Verses 1,3,5)**

*Jesus! What a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.*

Refrain:

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.*

*Jesus! What a Help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll;
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.*

Refrain

*Jesus! I do now receive Him!
More than all in Him I find,
He hath granted me, forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.*

Refrain

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world.

***The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and*** (over)

nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. To the glory of your holy name.

*Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.*

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON ~ Matt 13:44-46 ~ *The Joy Discovery*
Brandon Davis

*** CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*** CLOSING HYMN** ~ *Doxology*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise father, son, and holy ghost.*

Amen.

*** BLESSING AND SENDING**