

***HYMN #620**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Evie Hughes)

Lord, forgive us, for in the busy-ness of our lives we have forgotten to seek you. Instead of looking at the glory of every single miracle around us—from the beauty of the flowers to the turning of the leaves—we have focused on completing our own tasks. We have asked for miracles, but we haven't asked for you. Help us see what you have already given us and to see all people as you see them. When we think all is lost, remind us how your forgiveness comes like the morning, leading us out of the darkness every time. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE: *Jesus, Remember Me*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness, Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #581

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Evie Hughes)

Holy Lord, we seek for an understanding when we find none. Open our ears, our hearts, and our minds, and open us to our companions in faith.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Message

Rob Larson

***HYMN #716**

God, whose Giving Knows No Ending

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator, Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truths, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Offering Invitation

Offertory

Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

***Doxology #606**

***HYMN #343**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

BENEDICTION

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F major

J. S. Bach