



## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God searches for the lost,  
**and finds us;**  
God invites the hungry to the table,  
**and feeds us;**  
God sends Jesus,  
**and frees us from death's prison;**  
God forgives all who sin,  
**and heals us with mercy and grace.**  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE            “Great Is the Lord”

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way to serve others, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.** *(please be seated)*

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## SPECIAL MUSIC

Sue Gates

## A TIME FOR CHILDREN

### WORD

**FIRST READING            Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24            Pew Bible OT p. 895**  
*Since Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING            Ephesians 1:15-23            Pew Bible NT p. 204**  
*In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord both of the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.*

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**ALLELUIA** *(please stand)*    **“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL****Matthew 25:31-46****Pew Bible NT p. 29**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.** *(please be seated)***SERMON**

Pastor Marcia

**SONG OF THE DAY****“We Are Called”**

Come! Live in the light!  
 Shine with the joy and love of the Lord!  
 We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
 To live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice,  
 We are called to love tenderly;  
 We are called to serve one another,  
 To walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!  
 Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
 We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
 So hatred and blindness will be no more.

We are called to act with justice,  
 We are called to love tenderly;  
 We are called to serve one another,  
 To walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song!  
 Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
 God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
 As sisters and brothers united in love.

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 To walk humbly with God.

**OFFERING***The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the “For Children Everywhere” box.***OFFERING SONG****“Offering”**

The sun cannot compare to the Glory of Your love.  
 There is no shadow in Your presence.  
 No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne.  
 Before the Holy One of Heaven.  
 It's only by Your blood.  
 And it's only through Your mercy.

Lord I come.  
 I bring an offering of worship to the King.  
 No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.  
 Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due.  
 Oh Lord, I bring an offering to You.

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**OFFERING PRAYER** *(please stand)*

May these gifts be used to feed the hungry and clothe the naked, to bring medicine to the sick and provide a hospice bed for the dying, to offer hope to those who thirst for it in their lives and to bring friendship to those who sit in jail cells. May these gifts bring your kingdom to everyone who longs for its presence in every circumstance, we pray. **Amen.**

## MEAL

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

People of God, lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the One whose faithfulness never ends.**

People of God, give thanks to the Lord.

**We offer our praise and thanksgiving to the One whose love is eternal.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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 trespasses,  
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 and ever. Amen**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come, the banquet of life is set for you. *(please be seated)*

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPER

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.*

*Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the server by raising your hand.*

## DISTRIBUTION SONG

## “Above All”

Above all powers, above all kings,  
Above all nature and all created things;  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,  
You were here before the world began.  
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,  
Above all wonders the world has ever known;  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,  
There's no way to measure what you're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone;  
You lived to die, rejected and alone;  
Like a rose, trampled on the ground  
You took the fall, and thought of me, above all.

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(please stand)*

Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

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We will go now into God's world:  
**to bring healing to the sick and hope to the despairing.**

We will go now to serve Jesus' sisters and brothers:  
**to offer a hand to those who have fallen,  
to put a warm coat around those who shiver in the cold.**

We will go now to share the Spirit with everyone we meet:  
**to be a companion to those in prisons as well as those bound by  
injustice, to bring the cup of grace to every parched soul.**

**DISMISSAL**

Serve the Lord with your whole life.  
**We will! Thanks be to God!**

**SENDING SONG**            **“Open The Eyes of My Heart”**

Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you. I want to see you.  
Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you. I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your pow’r and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.  
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