

February 4, 2024

Indicates you may rise in body or spirit. You are invited to read the **bold font.*

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is with God's people and dwells in their midst.
Listen and hear God speak.

Our hearts long for God's word.

We wait upon the Lord so that we may renew our strength.

God is our help and our support. God's spirit moves among us
to lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

With joyful hearts we sing God's praise. With rejoicing we call upon our God.

The Lord is our hope and our salvation.

*SONG OF WORSHIP

#60 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
w. 1, 2, 3

*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How can we look at this world and not sing of your praises, O God?

The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering!

Yet we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted.

We treat the world with callous indifference with little regard to the future.

We insist on war as solutions for problems rather than peaceful striving.

We turn our backs on people in need,

the weak and downtrodden go unnoticed in our midst.

We always believe that someone else will care for those in need.

How foolish we are, O God! How ignorant we have become!

You have given to us all that we need.

**You have blessed us with the witness of Jesus Christ who came so that we
might learn how you would have us live, in honor and peace.**

(silence for personal reflection)

Forgive us.

Heal our hearts and spirits.

Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities.

Give us again a spirit of joy in serving you.

Help us be agents of peace and hope to others.

For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. **AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS



THE WORD OF GOD

*SONG OF PREPARATION

#516 "Be Still & Know"
w. 1 & 2

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1: 29-39

SERMON

"Why I Am Here"

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God!

You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God.

With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God almighty,

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world.

In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

(Prayer continues on backside)

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION

*Children are invited to participate at the discretion of parents/guardians.
All communion elements are gluten free.
A station for anointing and healing is offered.*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

#809 "Doxology"

Tithes/offerings placed in the box at the entrance of the sanctuary are transferred to an offering plate and brought forward during the "Doxology" as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

#576 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
v. 1, 2, 3, 4

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

"Jesus, You Once Called Disciples"

POSTLUDE

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Participating In Worship

Becky Scholten
Daniel Den Boer
Rev. Dr. Verlyn Boone, Transitional Pastor

Organist
Liturgist
Leading in Worship

Sunday Morning Nursery

Located out the east doors of the sanctuary, nursery care is available **9:30–11:45 AM** for children birth through 4 years old.

Where? When?

Sunday School @ ARC

Children & Worship (PreK–1st Grade)

2nd & 3rd Grade

4th & 5th Grade

Middle School

High School

10:45–11:30 AM

Room 106

Room 105

Room 103

Room 107

Room 108

Sunday Night @ ARC

Leaps of Faith

**(6th–12th grade)*

4:40–5:45 PM

HSYG (9th–12th Grade)

6:30–8:00 PM

**(The first Sunday of the month, the HSYG meets at various ARC members' homes for small group dinners from 6:00–7:30 PM. If you have questions about where to meet for this, reach out to Rose at rosalyn.d@americanchurchoc.com)*

Wednesday Night @ ARC

F3 (2nd–5th Grade)

MSYG (6th–8th Grade)

**(The first Wednesday of the month students and their families are invited to ARC for Family Meal Night. Dinner is served from 5:30–6:15 PM in the lower level fellowship hall. Following the meal, F3 and MSYG Buddy Night takes place from 6:15–7:30 PM.)*

6:15–7:30 PM

7:30–8:30 PM

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

WINTER 2024 (January 14–March 3)

All classes will be taught in person at church from 10:45 to 11:30 AM on Sundays

WHAT IS THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA (RCA)?

Facilitator: Kim Van Es Location: Room 202

MODELS OF CHRIST'S WORK FOR US

Facilitator: Cambria Kaltwasser Location: Room 201

ASH WEDNESDAY POTLUCK & SERVICE

All ages and stages are invited to gather for a meal and a brief Ash Wednesday service next Wednesday, February 14. We will serve Sloppy Joes as the main dish and you are invited to bring a side dish to share. Food will be served in the lower-level fellowship hall from 5:30–6:00 PM. The Ash Wednesday service will begin at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
There is no shadow
Of turning with thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter,
And springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness,
Mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
With ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

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Be Still And Know

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus—
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me,
The cross before me,
The world behind me,
The cross before me,
The world behind me,
The cross before me—
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow—
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?—
No turning back, no turning back.

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O Lord, You Called Disciples

Jesus, still you call your people, "Come and follow me today!"
Some, like Paul, feel sudden wonder; some are brought up in your way.
Lord, no matter how we meet you, by your Spirit, make us new.
May we know your living presence; may we daily follow you.

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