

Prelude: *Galilean Hillside* – Paul Taylor

Welcome

Meditation: *O Searcher of hearts* – Gene Clark

Introit #367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Call to Worship

The Lord will make a feast for all people

And destroy the power of death forever.

O Lord, you alone are our God;

We will exalt you; we will praise your name;

For you have done wonderful things.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you invite us to come to your feast, to join the eternal party that is your kingdom. Open our ears to your calling. Open our eyes to the glory that surrounds us. Open our hearts to your Spirit, so that we might respond to your invitation with gratitude and joy. Flow your righteousness over us, so that we might be worthy of the invitation. Open our lips with praise for you and a word of welcome for all your children. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Hymn #415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy vs. 1,2,3

Call to Confession

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. (Pause for a time of silent confession). Let all God's children say, **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit, we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God's grace is poured out upon us day by day. Come to the water and remember your baptism. Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

Sharing Christ's Peace

Special Music #802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is vs 1,2,4

Prayers of the People 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.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 25:1-9

Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon Get Ready to Party!

Affirmation of Faith (traditional Apostles Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn #645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above vs. 1,2,4

Benediction

Postlude: *Rejoice! He Is Lord of All* – Benjamin David Knoedle