



World Communion Sunday  
October 1, 2017—10:30 a.m.

## GATHERING

### Gathering Hymn

Hymn #477

*We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace,  
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how He has changed us and remade us as His own;  
let us share our life together as we shall around His throne.*

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*“Wonderful Words of Life”*

arr. Kerr

### \*Hymn

*“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

Hymn #33

### \*Call to Worship

—based on Psalm 86

We will praise you, O Lord our God, with our whole hearts; we will glorify your name forever. For you have delivered us from the power of death.

**Bring joy to your servants, O Lord, for to you we lift up our souls. There is none like you; no deeds can compare with yours.**

All the nations you have made will come and worship before you. They will bring glory to your name, for you alone are God.

**Teach us now your way, O Lord, and we will live in your truth. Give us undivided hearts that we may fear and praise your great name.**

### Psalm Reading

Psalm 100

### Prayer of Adoration

### \*Hymn

*“Here I Am to Worship”*

Hymn #297

### Prayer of Confession

(Unison)

**Father, we cry out to you as people who are sitting in the depths. On the surface, we profess to have it all together. Some of us claim to have mastered our lives through our competence. Others of us distance ourselves from pain and disappointment through our deep cynicism. Most of us do both in a desperate attempt to maintain control.**

**But you know every nook and cranny of our hearts. You know the games we play. You know our insecurity. You know our fear. You know that we would rather die than give control of our lives to you. Our fear, anxiety and misery flow from our distrust of you.**

**So Father, the only reason we come to you now is because you have promised to embrace us. Your love for us is even stronger than our distrust. We believe that since you drove your own Son away from your embrace, you will now run to us. Forgive us and heal us we pray, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (Silent Confession)**

### Assurance of Pardon

### \*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 705

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

## THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### First Reading

Romans 1: 16-17

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*“In the Garden”*

Adult Choir

arr. Larson

### Children's Moment

### Second Reading

Mark 1:1

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

*“Introduction to Mark”*

Rev. Rusty Mosley

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*“The Nicene Creed”*

(See Back of Hymnal)