

The Church at Worship

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Congregational responses and unison readings are indicated in bold.

The Gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, give us grateful hearts for the divine mysteries we cannot explain, solve, or grasp. Thank you that the good news of Christ's resurrection continues to impact this world. May this miracle and its ongoing aftermath disrupt us even as it comforts us, may it send us out to risk telling others the life-changing story. Be with us, touch us, this morning as we hear from and are inspired by two of your missionaries that are doing your work. In His name, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Into our fears and through our locked doors,

People: Come, Almighty God.

Leader: When we think 'peace be with you,' means no change or disruption,

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Amidst our lives that confuse religious entertainment with Easter fulfillment,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: For the sake of a community meant to be its best during crisis,

People: Come Father, Son and Holy Spirit

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* # 273

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we stand at the baptismal font and confess our sins we are not doing so as lost, guilty, and ambiguous human beings who are not sure of our standing before God. We do not come groveling, but we come confident as those who are no longer dead in our trespasses but who are

already alive in Jesus Christ. Without God's grace, we would not even know we are sinners. So, we confess together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, we think our best should happen when we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious, content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside. Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not into the world you so love and into which we are sent. Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places but never in places of brokenness, crisis, and defeat. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of Christ's resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Moment for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: You are already forgiven, loved and whole. In Christ, you are a fully flourishing human being; go live like it. In the Spirit, you are not an isolated spiritual being, doing Christianity alone, but you are part of a community of faith; go build that. By the grace of God, every human being is seen, loved, and made whole; go practice that. Amen

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

The Response to Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri* #620

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: *The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ which passes all understanding be with you all.*

All: And also with you.

(Please turn to those around you and extend the hand of peace and friendship)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Hymn of Promise* # 277

The Word

PRESENTATION

Mission Honduras
Gustavo Alejandro Lugo Medrano
Eduardo José Murillo Alpizar

The Response

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's 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 Ghost, 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.

The Eucharist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**DOXOLOGY*

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***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all people here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father; Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Sending

*CLOSING HYMN

Because He Lives

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be With You

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POSTLUDE

