

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

( \* = please stand )

Prelude

*"Change My Heart O God"*

*Choir*

Opening Prayer

*Sarah Waby*

Welcome and Announcements

*Sarah Waby*

Call to Worship

One: We look in the mirror and what do we see?

**All: We see people who try to be faithful, even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.**

One: We look in the mirror and how do we see?

**All: We see with hearts which are open to God's love, with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence tells us not to be so foolish.**

One: We look in the mirror and who do we see?

**All: We see Jesus, the One who struggles with the questions we raise, who models faithfulness for all who would follow.**

\*Opening Hymn, Celeb Hymn, 344 *"Grace Greater Than Sin"* *Congregation*

Scripture

*Psalms 90: 12-17, page 424*

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Hymn, 762

*"What A Day That Will Be"*

*Congregation*

Prayer of Confession

One: Let us willingly embrace that which we believe is true - we can come to the seat of grace, bringing our prayers of confession to the One who is filled to overflowing with mercy and hope. Join me as we pray together,

**All: We stand before you, Saving God, stripped of our pretensions and pride, for nothing we do or say, or do not, can be hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused; you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that 'stuff' which keeps us from following Jesus.**

*(Time for Silent Prayer)*

**We stand before you, Holy Grace. As you empty our hands of that wealth of unneeded things we cling so tightly to, fill them with your grace and hope. As we let go of all which might hold us back, give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that life with which he offers to each of us.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

One: Hear the good news! Because God loves us, we lack for nothing; because God forgives us, we have everything we need; because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers, we do not journey alone.

**All: Committing everything to God, trusting in the One who redeems us, we decide to live as God's faithful and forgiven people. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #577

*Congregation*

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

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also, with you.**

*(Please pass signs of peace and forgiveness with those seated around you)*

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

The Lord's Prayer, (Inside cover Red Book)

*Congregation*

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

Scripture

*Genesis 22: 12-18, page 15*

Anthem

*"Joy Unspeakable"*

*Choir*

**Sermon**

Lord, Open Eyes: So we can see God's blessings

Text: Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns.

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*The Apostles' Creed** (*Inside cover Red Book*)

*Congregation*

Prayer

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

Call to Offering

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

Offertory

*Molly Allen*

\*Doxology

*Congregation*

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*Charge and Blessing

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

We leave now in order to follow God into the world.

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

***All: We will go to bring the healing and peace of Jesus to all.***

\*Sung Benediction (*Please face the center*)

*Congregation*

**All: May the Lord, Mighty Lord bless and keep you forever.**

**Grant you peace, perfect peace, and courage in every endeavor.**

**Lift your eyes and see His face, see His grace forever.**

**May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.**

***Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church***  
**October 13, 2024 9:15 am**

**So Abraham called that place  
"The Lord will provide";  
as it is said to this day, "On the mount  
of the Lord it shall be provided."**

**Genesis 22:14, NRSV**



**Our Vision: Transforming lives by the love of  
Christ Jesus through witness, mission, and evangelism.**

**Our Mission: To be a place where the community can come  
together in Christ and provide, through God and his Word, love,  
comfort and joy to all.**