

PRELUDE, GATHERING, *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone* 424

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS -

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FotW

God of love, you teach us a life journey
that calls us to deny what is unhealthy and unloving.
Lead us in that pathway.
Awaken us to the ever-new abundance
that is ours through your Word,
in the name of the one who died and rose,
Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Wisdom of Solomon 7:26–8:1
James 3:1–12
Mark 8:27–38

HYMN *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* **463**

PIANO SPECIAL *How Great Thou Art* **77**

SERMON

HYMN *Nearer, My God, to Thee* **528**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

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Holy God, in the face of sin, our gravest enemy,
we call to you for help.
You know our fault before we speak.
Forgive us for what we have done in opposition to your will.
Forgive us for those things we have not undertaken
and for which we know our wrong.
We have not loved you and our neighbors as we ought.
We have denied our dependence on you.
Lead us away from this grief and sorrow.
Save us so that we may fulfill our vows to you
and attend to the needs of your people. Amen.
{silent prayers}

Psalms 116:5-8

*Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is merciful.
The Lord protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.*

For the Lord has delivered our souls from death,
our eyes from tears, our feet from stumbling.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - *space for notes on the back*

INTERCESSIONS
THE LORD'S PRAYER

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

FotW (alt)

Lord, you give us everything we have;
Now, with joy, we return a portion of your bounty,
giving to the work of your church and your world;
we bring you ourselves, our lives, and our means.
Make good come from these gifts.
Teach us to use what we have with wisdom and compassion.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

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SENDING

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*... may the Holy Spirit guide our words and our actions,
as we strive to bless the world with our witness.*

Amen

POSTLUDE

Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said

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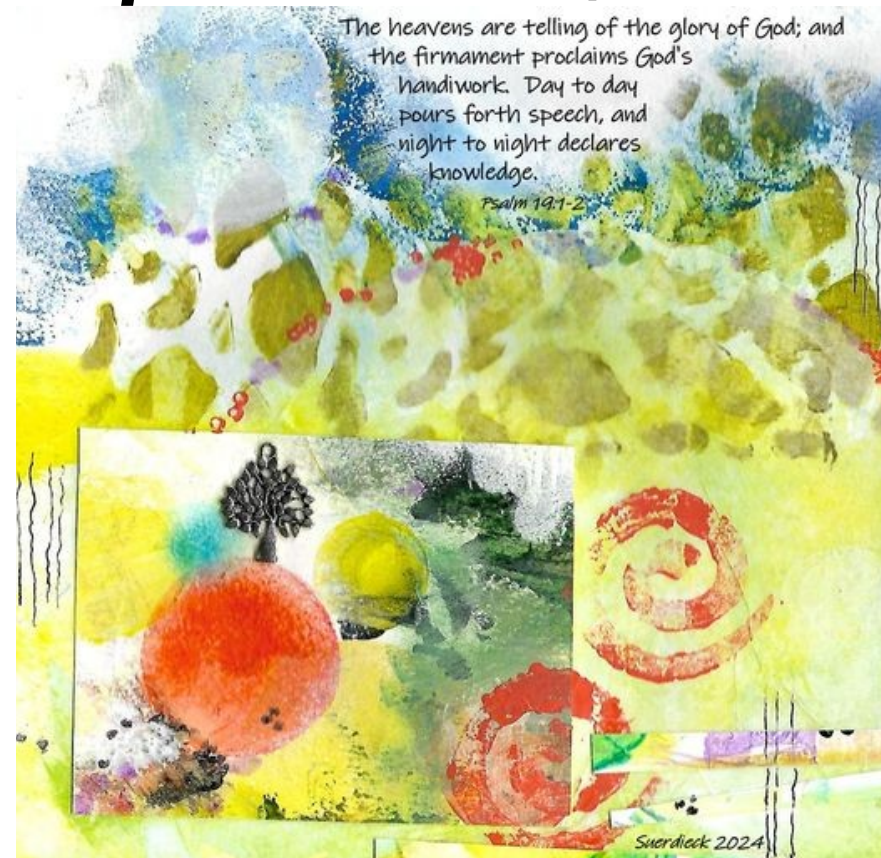
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