



## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have professed our faith in you, and our loyalty to you; but our words ring hollow. We do not live by the truth we speak. We turn aside from those in greatest need and fail to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for seeking to serve you merely by saying the right things. Empower us by your Spirit to live according to your word, so that people may see our good works, and glorify you as the true Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE** *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 280)

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

## \* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after **The Peace of Christ** for special classes. Preschoolers are in Room 204 and K-5<sup>th</sup> grade are in Room 201.)*

## THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)*

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (page 154 in the Pew Bible)

**THE SOLO** *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* arr. Brown  
LeSean Lewis,  
guest soloist

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** James 1:17-27 (page 215 in the Pew Bible)

**THE SERMON** "Pure Religion" Christopher Henry  
*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 1:27*

**\* THE HYMN 411** *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

## THE OFFERTORY

**\* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Hymn 592)

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

**Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,** (Hymn 581)  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Communion of the People

Prayer after the Meal

**\* THE HYMN 332** *Live Into Hope*