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“I KNOW
WHO YOU ARE –
THE
HOLY
ONE
OF GOD!”

MARK 1:24

**The Beginning of
the Good News**

Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 96:2-3)

Leader: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

People: proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

SONG OF DEVOTION

A moment to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

- **GREETING**
- **SONGS OF PRAISE**

Reckless Love

Who You Say I Am

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on 1 John 1:8-9)

God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of all worlds, we confess to sporadic beliefs and inconsistent faithfulness. Before the mystery of the universe our minds cannot grasp a God who embraces infinity. In the face of

natural disasters and cruel inhumanity we doubt that love reigns. Between our own actions and the best we know we see a wide gap that we cannot bridge.

Unison: O God, reclaim us and help us to reclaim our baptism; we need your healing, forgiving, transforming Spirit. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Romans 8:15-17)

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us
our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.**

HYMN

#665 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

- *Doxology*
- *And Blessing (remain standing and hold hands)*

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:1-13

(p. 1551)

SERMON: “The Beginning of the Good News”

Pastor Bryan Kunz

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#352 *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

- BENEDICTION
- ORGAN RESPONSE
- POSTLUDE

