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

MARK 1:24

**Our Greatest
Need**

Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 15)

Leader: Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

People: Who may live on your holy mountain?

The one whose walk is blameless,

who does what is righteous,

who speaks the truth from their heart;

whose tongue utters no slander,

who does no wrong to a neighbor,

and casts no slur on others;

who despises a vile person

but honors those who fear the Lord;

who keeps an oath even when it hurts,

and does not change their mind;

who lends money to the poor without interest;

who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

SONG OF DEVOTION

A moment to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving.

Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces.

With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim your glory
and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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

*Mighty to Save
Gratitude*

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed. People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to serve. As you came to a blind man and gave him sight, come to us in our darkness and show us the things we cannot see. As you came to a man tormented in his mind and gave him peace and healing, come to us in our tensions and make us whole. As you came to Lazarus, who was dead, and brought him from the grave, come to us in our deadness and bring us to real life now with our living Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, you came not to be served but to serve. But we see life the other way round: to get where we do not give, to exploit whom we have not helped, to use what we have not earned.

Unison: As you came to a dying thief and promised him paradise, come to us now in forgiveness and give us hope. In your name, Lord, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Acts 10:43)

All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

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

#104 *O Worship the King*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 2:1-12

(p. 1553)

SERMON: “Our Greatest Need”

Pastor Bryan Kunz

- **COMMUNION SONG**
O Come to the Altar
- **CONFESION OF FAITH**
Nicene Creed

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#86 *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

- BENEDICTION
- ORGAN RESPONSE
- POSTLUDE



