

## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

### ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship: [from Psalm 118:1,5,14,17,22-24](#)

Hymn: “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” [PH 406](#)

God’s Greeting [1 Peter 1:1-2](#)

Prayer of the Day [based on Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 19](#)

**Lord Jesus, you are seated at the right hand of God to show that you are head of the church and that the Father rules all things through you. Pour out your gifts from heaven, through your Holy Spirit, on us your members. Defend us and keep us safe from our enemies. And in our distress and persecution may we turn our eyes toward heaven and confidently await you as judge, knowing that you have already stood trial in our place before God and so removed the curse from us. May we be comforted by the destruction of all that opposes your reign and by the assurance that you will take all your chosen ones with you into the joy and glory of heaven. Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession: [Acts 1:3-11](#)

God’s Will for Our Lives [Exodus 20:1-17](#)

Prayer of Confession

Response: “To the Hills I Lift My Eyes” [PH 121](#)

Assurance of Pardon: [Micah 7:7](#)

Congregational Prayer

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn: “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” [PH 457 vv. 1,2,3,6](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: [Acts 8:1-8](#)

Sermon: *Socially Distant but Spiritually Effective*

Hymn: “He Leadeth Me” [PH 452](#)

## OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Offertory Prayer

Confession of Faith: [Apostles' Creed](#)

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Benediction:

[Jude 24–25](#)

Doxology: “Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God”

[PH 630](#)

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