

### Invited In

Call to Worship† | 1 Samuel 2:1b-10

*Leader: "My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord.*

**All: My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.**

*"There is none holy like the Lord:*

**for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.**

*Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth;*

**for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.**

*The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength.*

**Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.**

*The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.*

**The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.**

*The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts.*

**He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.**

**For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world.**

*"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,*

**for not by might shall a man prevail. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces;**

*against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;*

**he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."** (ESV)

Hymn No. 203†

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Invocation†

### Coming Clean

Call to Confession

Proverbs 3:27-35

Confession of Sin

**Our Father, we admit that we love power and position, strength and status. When we have those things, we hold them over other people's heads. When we don't have them, we cower before those who do, envy them, and try to imitate their ways, so that we too can boast before men. We love to be bigger than, stronger than, smarter than, prettier than, more popular than. Thank you for Jesus, who**

**humbled Himself, taking the form of a servant. Thank you for Jesus, who was crucified in weakness. Thank you for Jesus, who was raised up in power as Lord and King. Father, forgive us for our pride and humble us by Jesus' humility. Help us to bow our knee to King Jesus, to marvel at His glory, and to live in dependence upon His Spirit out of a daily sense of our weakness. Father, because of our status as sinners, we have no right even to ask you these things, but it is in Jesus' name we pray. And so we ask as your children who are loved in Him. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

James 4:5-10

Hymn No. 230

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

### Renewing Commitment

Confession of Faith†

Apostles' Creed · Hymnal p. 845

### Drawing Near

Scripture Readings

Genesis 3:14-15; 11:27-30; 18:9-15; 21:1-2

Isaiah 7:10-14

Prayer for the Church

Hymn No. 201

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-56 · pew Bible p. 730

Sermon

Turning the World Right-Side Up

Hymn No. 197†

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Offering

Doxology† | Hymn No. 731

### Sent Out

Commissioning & Benediction†

Announcements

† Please stand as you are able.



Luke Herche, pastor · David Thies, worship leader  
Joe Madden, music director · Cindy Morrison, piano  
Bryce Thurston, prayer leader · Jim Pickell, Scripture reader