



## In Preparation for Worship

Like the first readers of 1 John, perhaps as we gather for worship, we could benefit from an occasional reminder that God has already bestowed upon us the thing that is most important for being the people we are called to be. *We are children of God.* Already. Today. Now.

## Gathering Prayer

### Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

*At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping online with us by sharing your name in the "comments" on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at [slpres.org](#).*

## Hymn #254

The Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

## Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,  
We want to see you.  
We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus;  
But not only that, we want to be people who have your covenant written on our hearts.  
Why do we feel so far away from that at times?  
What went wrong?  
Where did we lose our way?  
Could you, would you, once again, write on our fragile hearts?  
We would be so grateful.  
Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence...  
*(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### Song of Praise

Thine is the Glory

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

*We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshipers in the "comments" of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ's peace with your friends, neighbors and family.*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading

John 1:1-2:2

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

## Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

## Sermon

What's Next?

Shannon Dill

## Musical Response

## Affirmation of Faith

from Sanctified Art

We believe in a God who stands with the underdog,  
Who passionately protects the suffering,  
And who overturns systems of corruption.  
We believe in a God who leads by example—  
Feeding the hungry,  
Welcoming the children,  
Offering water to the Samaritan,  
Eating with the tax collector,  
Healing the sick,  
Preaching from the mountaintop,  
And offering second chances.  
We believe in a God who knew that we would lose our way,  
And still said, “This is my body broken for you.”  
We believe in a God who knew our capacity for mistakes,  
And still said, “I’m going to prepare a place for you.”  
And because of this love,  
We believe that God shows us the way,  
Again and again and again.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Prayers of the People and 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## The Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also “Text to Give” to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

## Hymn #435

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

## Benediction

## Postlude