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EVENING WORSHIP GATHERING WITH JOY

6:00 P.M.

Prelude "I Exalt Thee" arr. by Mark Kellner

Welcome and call to worship

***Opening song "As The Deer"** CCLI #225774

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to You, alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver, and the apple of my eye.
You alone are my strength, my shield to You, alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.

***God's greeting and greeting each other**

***Hymn #239 "Amid the Thronging Worshipers"**

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

Hymn #260:1 "Not What My Hands Have Done"

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Litany

Leader: Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

People: Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Leader: Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

People: We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.

Leader: Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

People: Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

Leader: Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

People: We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.

Leader: Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

People: In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings.

Hymn #260:2 “Not What My Hands Have Done”

Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;
Your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase.
No other work but yours, no other blood will do;
No strength but that which is divine can bear me safely through.

Scripture reading: I Timothy 1:15

Hymn #260:3 “Not What My Hands Have Done”

I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
And with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine.
My Lord has saved my life and freely pardon gives;
I love because he first loved me, I live because he lives.

Commitment to service: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 86

Christ has redeemed us by his blood. We respond by doing good because Christ, by his Spirit, is also renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has done for us, and so that he may be praised through us. And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Evening prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Titus 3 (page 1093)

Message: *Righteousness by Faith*

RESPONDING IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***Hymn of response #446 “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”**

Our gifts to the Lord: Elim Christian Services—a non-profit Christian agency that provides educational, residential and work services to handicapped persons in order to develop their individual God-given potential for participation in society.

Offertory “There is a Redeemer” arr. by Mark Kellner

***God's blessing**

***Closing song “We Receive Your Blessing”** CCLI #225774

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him, above you heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Postlude

* - stand, if you are able

Preaching: Pastor Brian Ochsner; Organist: Phyllis Moes; Pianist: Lisa Vanderkamp
Ministry of Music: Flute Choir