

## **GATHERING WITH JOY**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome & call to worship**

#### **\*Gathering song “God of Wonders”**

*(Ushers available for seating)*

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

#### **\*Time of praise**

“Lord Most High”

“How Great Thou Art”

## **OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD**

### **Time of confession**

**Call to confession: Romans 1:18-20**

**Prayer**

**Song “Merciful God”**

**Words of assurance: Romans 1:16,17**

### **Pastoral Blessing**

*Children Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may be escorted  
to Children in Worship*

### **Morning prayer**

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture:** Genesis 2:18-24; Romans 1:16-32  
(pages 2 & 1025)

**Message:** Biblical Sexuality

## **RESPONDING IN FAITH AND SERVICE**

#### **\*Song of response “Speak, O Lord”**

**Our gifts to the Lord:** Ministries of Brookside and  
Christian Education

### **Offertory**

#### **\*God's blessing**

#### **\*Closing song “We Receive Your Blessing”**

### **Postlude**

\* - stand, if you are able

Preaching: Pastor Paul DeVries

Pianists Phyllis Moes

Praise Team:

Dick Lenger, Diane Scott, Judy Zwart, Steve Zwart

Bass: Cal Rozeboom

Guitar: Ben Moes

Drums: Dane Olson

Sax: Joel Klamer

## **Genesis 2:18-24**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

<sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

<sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

<sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.

<sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> The man said,

“This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”

<sup>24</sup> For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

## **Key Texts from Romans 1**

<sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

<sup>22</sup> Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal human beings and birds and animals and reptiles.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

<sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.