



OPENING SENTENCES | from Isaiah 55

One: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!

All: **We come, seeking the living God.**

WELCOME

PRELUDE | As the Deer Panteth for the Water

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Seek the Lord while God may be found!

All: **We call upon God, for we know God is near.**

One: Let us worship the God of grace and mercy.

All: **Let us worship with joy and thanksgiving!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ HYMN# 774 | There is Now a New Creation

+ CALL TO CONFESSION

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, we confess that we turn away from you. We seek satisfaction in things that cannot fill us. We ignore your call to repentance, choosing our own way instead. We trust in our own strength rather than in your faithful love. Forgive us, O God. Turn our hearts toward you. Remind us that your ways are higher than our ways, and your thoughts higher than our thoughts. Help us to bear good fruit, that we may walk in your grace. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

+ RESPONSE | Lord Have Mercy

Malcolm Archer

Lord, have mer cy, Lord, have mer cy,
Lord, have mer cy. Christ, have
mer cy, Christ, have mer cy, Christ, have mer cy.
Lord, have mer cy, Lord, have mer cy,
Lord, have mer cy.

+ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE #447 | We are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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SPECIAL MUSIC | Here I Am to Worship, Children's Choir
SHARING THE FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

(Children are invited to go upstairs to the nursery or Agape Kidz, for music and crafts.
All children are welcome to remain in the worship service too. We really do like having them around.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION | Chris Boone

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING | Psalm 63: 1-8 (Pew Bible, Old Testament p. 527)

Amen. **Amen.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING | Isaiah 55:1-9 (Pew Bible, Old Testament p. 685)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON | Rev. Tara N. Reck

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | From A Brief Statement of Faith**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image. Through Christ, God brings good news to the poor, frees the oppressed, and grants us abundant life. In gratitude, we seek to serve Christ in our daily lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

+ **HYMN #479 | Ho, All Who Thirst**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(EACM Needs: Diced Tomatoes, Chicken Broth, Vegetable/Olive Oil, Toilet Paper, Body Wash, Diapers, Sizes 6 & 7)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | Like as the Hart

Herbert Howells

DOXOLOGY #711 | Lord of All Good (vs. 3)

*Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows: to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.*

+ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS/DEBTORS)**

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.

+ **HYMN #542 | God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | Hornpipe G. F. Handel

Our Concerns: Vasanti Shah (Mother of Raj Shah), Marsha Biven, Dee Hoge, Connie and Tom Kneppshield, Rita Carlisle

(Prayer concerns will remain on our list for a month unless an update is provided to extend the request.)

Thinking about joining our church family? If you've been visiting for a while and want to learn more about becoming a member of APC, please scan the QR code to fill out an interest form and we'll find a convenient date to meet.



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