Preparing to Hear God’s Word

Prelude  Récit de Nasard  Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn  O Come and Sing Unto the Lord  IRISH

Opening Prayer

God’s Word to Us


Anthem  Dir, dir, Jehovah, will ich singen?  J. S. Bach
   “Jehovah, let me now adore thee,
   For where, Lord, is there a God like thee?”

Gospel  Matthew 13:1-3a, 24-30

Sermon  Deep in the Weeds  Ken Henry

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Sending Us Out

Charge and Benediction

Postlude  Caprice sur les Grands jeux  Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
Opening Hymn

O Come and Sing Unto the Lord

Psalm 95; The Psalter, 1912; alt.

IRISH, CM

A Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems (Dublin, 1749)
WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Isaiah 44:6-8

Our Redeemer and Sustainer says to us:
I Am the first and I Am the last.
I Am with you in this time of unrest.
I Am in the crowd,
in tear-gassed streets:
Portland, Chicago, Washington D.C.
I Am with you in places of quarantine,
in trapped places,
lonely places,
places of pain and suffering.

Besides me, there are no gods.
No one is God.
If they claim to be,
let them explain it to me;
let them predict the future;
let them bind up humanity’s wounds;
let them harvest the field;
let them burn the weeds and gather wheat into barns
and do no harm to what is good,
what is loving, what is right.
Let them try.

I Am the past.
I Am the present.
I Am the solid ground upon which you stand.
And I Am with you—yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Therefore, do not be afraid and do not fear.
Told tight to your faith and know when
to hang on and when to let go.
Is there a God besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not any.

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