

John 1: 14



And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.



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Prelude

All Glory Be to God on High
Friedrich W. Zachau

Call to Worship

We gather to worship and sing.

Praise be to God!

For God dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.

Praise be to God!

For God continues to dance throughout the world even now.

Let all that have breath sing praise to God.

*Opening Hymn #5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

Confession and Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

You know us, O God; you know us so well – what we remembered, and what we forgot; what we nurtured, and what we neglected; what we promised, and what we really did.

In your great mercy, forgive our sin and heal our diseases. Lift us up out of the pit and crown us with your love. Satisfy us with your goodness and renew our lives. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

[continue in silent prayer]

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is the steadfast love of God. As far as the east is from the west, so God casts our sins away from us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Be Thou My Vision
Arr. By Gary Lanier

Congregation speaks together the **BOLD-FACED** words

* Please rise in body or spirit

Prayer for Illumination

O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Scripture

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Sermon

God Moved into the Neighborhood

Affirmation of Faith – Excerpts of *The Declaration of Faith*, PCUS 1977

God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship him there and serve all humankind.

We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission.

We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining him in his work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and his promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture.

We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

*Closing Hymn #174

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Communion

Benediction

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
Heinrich Fleischer