

**Welcome and Announcements:** October 11, 2020

**Prelude:** \* *On That Morning We Shall Rise* – Donald Lee Moore

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### **Gathering Around God's Word**

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you do not call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **Opening Hymn:** *Christ of the Upward Way*

1. Christ of the upward way,  
My guide divine,  
Where You have set Your feet  
May I place mine;  
And move and march wherever You have trod,  
Keeping face forward up the hill of God.
  
2. Give me the heart to hear  
Your voice and will,  
That without fault or fear  
I may fulfill  
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,  
Like one who would not bring less than the best.
  
3. Christ of the upward way,  
My guide divine,  
Where You have set Your feet  
May I place mine;  
And when Your last call comes serene and clear,  
Calm may my answer be, 'Lord, I am here.'

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## **God's Word**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

#### **Scripture – Matthew 22:14**

**Many are Called, But Few are Chosen: *The Inspirational Poster***

#### **Scripture – Matthew 22:1-14**

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**Many are Called, But Few are Chosen: *The Explicit Warning to Turn or Burn***

## **Responding to God's Word**

### **Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

*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.*

### **Offering and Response: *Doxology***

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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### **Sending Us Out to be God's Word in the World**

**Closing Hymn:** *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door*

*Refrain:*

*Somebody's knocking at your door;  
Somebody's knocking at your door;  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knocking at your door.*

1. Knocks like Jesus,  
Somebody's knocking at your door  
Knocks like Jesus,  
Somebody's knocking at your door  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knocking at your door. (Go on to verse 2)

2. Answer Jesus.  
Somebody's knocking at your door;  
Answer Jesus.  
Somebody's knocking at your door;  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knocking at your door.

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### **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: \* *Rock of My Salvation* – Edward H. Wetherill

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