

Gray Book – Psalter Hymnal
Red Book – Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal

Personal amplifiers are available at the
sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary.
Please return amplifiers at the conclusion of the service.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

Welcome

Song of Our Need *As the Deer* Red Book 503
(sung twice)

*Call to Worship

(The congregation's part is in **bold**)

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

And drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,

And be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,

And be warmed by the fire of love.

* **Songs** *Come Just as You Are* see screen
Be Thou My Vision Red Book 859

*God Greets Us and We Greet Each Other

***Song of Our Need** *As the Deer* Red Book 503

Prayer of Confession

Words of Adoption

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry Abba, Father.”

Song of Our Need *As the Deer* Red Book 503

Words for Children

Children: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: **And also with you.**

(Children ages 3 through Grade 2 are dismissed for Children's Worship)

Thank Offering for Kids Hope USA

Congregational Prayer

Prayer for the Holy Spirit's Leading

*Scripture Psalm 122 page 966

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message **“The Shalom of the City”**
Series, Transitioning UP, II

***Song of Response** *God of This City* Red Book 277

(You may bring prayer request cards to the front during this song)

*God's Parting Blessing

Postlude

If you have a concern or special need,
Prayer Ministers are available to pray with you
at the front of the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service.

**TODAY'S SERVICE:
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration (Pastor A. J. Gretz)

This week we're looking at Psalm 122. When the Old Testament Jews went to Jerusalem, they believed that being near to the Temple allowed them to be near to God's presence in a unique way, and the Psalmist prays that Jerusalem will be a place of peace (Hebrew word *Shalom*). Today our worship is no longer tied to a specific place – Paul says we ourselves are now God's Temple in the world (1 Corinthians 3:16). How can we therefore bring God's presence and His *Shalom*-peace into the world?

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**NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE:
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration (Pastor David Sieplinga)

"Finding Mercy at the Table" – Psalm 125(Communion)

Series, Transitioning Up, III

Next Sunday we will continue the series on the songs of Ascents (Psalms 120-134), making the fourth, fifth and sixth songs (123-125) our own as 21st century pilgrims. The furtive cry for mercy of Psalm 123 will be our focus: do we really think we need mercy – enough to plead for it, wait for it and, finally, receive it at the Table?

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Service Participants

Preacher: Pastor A. J. Gretz

Worship Leaders: Dave Mange, Pam Vanderhill

Ensemble: Becky Winegar, Andrew Bolles, Stephanie Dyk,
Bob Ickes, Brad Meints, Rick Van Enk, Sally Vliem



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"The Shalom of the City"
Psalm 122

The feeling of anticipation

The Temple in Jerusalem

What is Shalom?

We are the Temple now

Praying like the Psalmist for our city

How can you bring Shalom into the world?