

## God: Compassionate and Gracious

*Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. Isaiah 38:18*

*"Impossible it is, that He should reject any poor penitent sinner, merely for the greatness of the sins he has committed. It is the exaltation of His mercy (says faith) that God has in His eye when He promises pardon to poor sinners." William Gurnall (1617-1679)*

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 103:1-5, 22*

### Hymn of Praise

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

53

### Opening Prayer

### Confession of Sin

*Psalter Hymnal*

*Most holy and merciful Father,  
We confess to you and to one another,  
that we have sinned against you  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.  
You alone know how often we have grieved you  
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.  
Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father;  
And free us from our sin.  
Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.*

### Worship in Song

*My Sins, My Sins, My Savior!*

553

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

32

### New Testament Reading

*Matthew 12:22-41*

### Congregational Prayer

Rob Amsler

### Presenting Our Gifts and Tithes

*O Savior, Precious Savior*

159

**Children's Message**

**Text**

*Jonah 3:1-10*

**Sermon**

*"Aligning Yourself With God's Purposes"*

Brian Sandifer

**Hymn of Preparation**

*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

257

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Closing Hymn**

*Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

246

**Benediction**