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I will give thanks to the lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. **People: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.** Leader: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. **People: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.** Leader: He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. **People: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.** Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. **People: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.** Leader: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. **People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.** **All: Let us praise our faithful God!**  \* Hymn      Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah – GtG65  Prayer of Confession **Generous God, we don’t slow down, to listen in silence and to look around. Overwhelmed by the world and its call, we lose sight of your call to seek truth, speak love, and act according to your will. We forget those prophets of old, in humility and with their voices shaking, telling us of a hopeful future. We forget to listen to the voices today, who speak difficult words, but continue to point us to discipleship. Forgive our busy minds, restore our hearts, and help us to slow down and listen to the words around us, so that we may be an active part of building your kingdom, here on Earth. Amen.**   Silent Prayers of Confession   Words of Assurance (responsive) Leader: The Good News in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow and courage to continue the journey. **People: We believe the Good News of the Gospel! In Just Christ we are forgiven! Amen!**   The Peace Leader: The peace of Christ be with you! **People: And also with you!** (You may greet those around you)   The Proclamation of the Word   Prayer of Illumination   Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.  Scripture Lesson     Deut. 18:15-20 NRSV A New Prophet Like Moses  **15**The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. **16**This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” **17**Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. **18**I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. **19**Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. **20**But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”   Sermon In Search of a Modern Day Prophet  The Response to the Word   \* Hymn     God, Send Your Prophets Here (to the tune of GtG49)  Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer  “For this I pray to God” / “For this I give thanks to God.” Congregational Response: “**Hear our prayer, O God.”** And now, in confidence and in gratitude, we say the prayer together that Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, taught us to pray…  **Our Father,** **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven and 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**  Offertory Prayer   Hymn     Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak – GtG722  Charge & Benediction [Inspired by Richard Halverson] Leader: You go nowhere by accident. **People: Wherever you go, God is sending you.** Leader: Wherever you are, God has put you there. **People: To speak a message, to tell the truth in love.** Leader: To build the kingdom, in justice and peace. **People: Wherever we are, we shall speak, act, and do the good work of Jesus Christ. Amen!** | |  | | | | |