



in systems that oppress, and turned a blind eye toward injustice.

Renew our minds and transform our hearts, that our lives might bear the fruit of compassion and care. Baptize us with your Spirit, and claim us again for your holy work, until you come in glory. Amen. *(Silent prayer and reflection)*

## **Words of Assurance**

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri #734**

*"Glory Be to the Father"*

**Psalter Reading**

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Time with the Children**

Amy Atkinson

(\* After the Children's Message, children ages 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are welcome to go to our Infant/Toddler Nursery. )

**Anthem**

*Bethlehem Wind*  
Debby Starzer, flautist

Martin

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Lesson**

Isaiah 11: 1-10  
Romans 15: 4-13

Pew Bible p. 640 Old Testament  
Pew Bible p. 163 New Testament

**Sermon Series**  
**Message**

A Geography of Salvation  
"A Tangible Hope"

Dr. Steve Starzer

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response # 183**

*Once in Royal David's City*

**\* Affirmation of Faith** (back of bulletin)

## Offering

*(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads during this time)*

**Offertory**                      *I Wonder As I Wander*                      arr. Aaronson  
Debby Starzer, flautist & Jane Welborn, pianist

**\*The Doxology #44**                      *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn # 210**                      *Love Came Down at Christmas*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**                      *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*                      Bach

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\* Those who are able, please stand.

Hearing assistance devices are available for anyone who needs them.

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.  
His faith and obedience were the response  
of the perfect child of God.  
He was the fulfillment  
of God's promise to Israel,  
the beginning of the new creation,  
and the pioneer of the new humanity.  
He gave history its meaning and direction  
and called the church to be his servant  
for the reconciliation of the world.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967