# GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

God's Call through Scripture | Exodus 16:1-36

Confession of Faith | The Nicene Creed (TH, 846)

Prayer for Global Missions | Richline's and Payson's in Uruguay

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn 252 | When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Offertory Prayer

God's Call Through Preaching Scripture Reading | Matthew 14:13-21 Prayer of Illumination Scripture Proclamation | Pity Joined With Power Prayer of Application

\*Hymn 472 | Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

# GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

### \*God's Benediction

### \*Hymn 735 | Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## VISITING WITH US?

### WELCOME

We are so glad you have come to worship with us this evening! Please fill out a connect card in the church foyer so we can learn how best to serve you.

### NURSERY

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families with young children there is a nursery available next door, though it is not staffed during the evening service. Please ask the usher for more information.

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# PITY JOINED WITH POWER

Matthew 14:13-21

I. Christ exercises extraordinary pity toward the powerless (vv. 13-17).

# CORNERSTONE

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is a community of believers devoted to glorifying our Triune God through God-centered theology, God-ordered worship, God-delighting piety, Godexalting leadership, and God-dependent mission.

# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

March 31, 2024 PM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

# GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

# \*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 105

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Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

People: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

Pastor: He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night. They asked, and he brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

People: He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river. For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.

Pastor: So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil, that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

People: Praise the LORD!

# \*Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn 9 | All You That Fear Jehovah's Name

### II. Christ exercises extraordinary power toward the pitiful (vv. 18-21).

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

- 1. What did Francis Schaeffer say was the primary problem facing the church? Do you agree?
- 2. What is the remedy to our tendency toward self-sufficiency and selfabsorption?
- 3. Why do you think this miracle is the only miracle of Christ (apart from the resurrection) that is recorded in all four gospels?
- 4. Why was Jesus seeking a desolate place? How did He respond when he found it to be a fully populated place?
- 5. What does it mean for Christ to be compassionate? Is He only willing to rescue us from our miserable condition, or is He also able?
- 6. How did this miracle point back to the OT? Why is that important?
- 7. How does this miraculous multiplication of bread encourage us in our sin and suffering?

# QUESITONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

- 1. In what specific ways do I fail to rely on Christ's power and reflect His pity? What about my church?
- 2. Meditate on the fact that Christ is "full of pity joined with power" in light of this miracle. How does that reality both comfort and convict me?