

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **ENTRANCE**

#### **PRELUDE**

recordings of Texas Swing music  
(Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys)

#### **GATHERING**

#### **THE WORD OF GRACE**

##### **THE OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to  
hear than we are to pray.

You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance  
in asking.

Give to us now your grace, that as we shrink before the  
mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity.

Speak to us once more your solemn message of life  
and of death.

Help us to live as those who are prepared to die.

And, when our days here are accomplished, enable us  
to die as those who go forth to live, so that living  
or dying, our life may be in you, and that  
nothing in life or in death will be able to  
separate us from your great love in Christ Jesus  
our Lord. Amen.

##### **\*HYMN:**

"A Place at the Table"

No. 3149 (*Worship & Song* — green)

### **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

#### **THE READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT:**

Proverbs 31:10-31; Rev. Jim Shirbroun

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (Dorsey)

Scott Grotewold, vocalist; Jonah DeGeest, accompanist

#### **THE READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT:**

Colossians 3:1-17; Rev. Jim Shirbroun

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.