



**PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA**  
Order of Worship  
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**GATHER**

**Call to Worship**

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written by Shari Miller Wagner, in *Celebrating the Season*

Who is this who enters the doors of our temple,  
who overturns the tables,  
strews silver and gold on the floor,  
frees the sacrificial doves from gilded cages?  
Listen, as they rise, the beating of their wings  
is a song of loud hosanna.

**It is Jesus of Galilee, the Son of God,  
who comes to cleanse the great temple,  
to restore its subverted chambers  
to a house of hallowed prayer.**

Then let us open the doors of our hearts even wider,  
so he can cast out the thieves  
who would take what is sacred and tender  
and turn it hard as gold in a fist.

**May the temple within us  
be a refuge where doves of peace roost in the rafters.**

May it be a garden  
that bears the fruits of a generous spirit.

**Oh Lord, take what is corrupt and withered  
and let it break forth in beauty.**

## **Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit  
Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

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**Call to Confession**

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**Prayer of Confession**

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**Jesus, cleanser of temples and souls,  
look deep within our hearts and our lives,  
and clear away all that holds us back.  
May our minds, spirits and bodies  
be a Temple that is open to Your presence:  
and may our words and our actions  
be transparent to Your love and truth. *(Silence is kept.)***

**Assurance of Pardon**

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**WORD**

**Scripture Lessons**

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Hebrews 3:1-11

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 2:13-22

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Erin Rosica**

**RESPONSE**

**Hymn: I Saw the Light**

I wandered so aimless life filed with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

**Chorus:** I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Just like a blind man I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

**Chorus**

I was a fool to wander and stray  
Straight is the gate and narrow's the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

**Chorus x 2**

Praise the Lord I saw the light

**SENDING**

**Benediction**

**Erin Rosica**