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### A Living Hope: A Service of the Word on 1 Peter 1:3-9

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# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## A LIVING HOPE

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*This service will be projected on the screen. The outline below is for your reference after the event.*

### GATHERING

Prelude: “The Voice from the Cloud” from the *Ephanies* suite

Daniel Pinkham

*Ephanies* was commissioned for the inauguration of the four-manual C.B. Fisk organ in The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, Saint Paul, Minnesota. The music was composed during June, July, and August 1978. The term *epiphany* is used in its original Greek sense: i.e. an appearance or a becoming manifest, especially of a deity. Each of the five movements thus is preceded by a New Testament quotation, which, although certainly not “programmatic,” reflects the *affect* or emotional state of the Biblical passage. — *Daniel Pinkham*

“The Voice from the Cloud” is the fourth piece in the *Ephanies* suite. It is based upon the story of the transfiguration as told in Matthew 17:1–8 and thus ties in strongly to the themes of Epiphanytide (early Ordinary Time) in the church year. “The Voice from the Cloud” is written in a bi-tonal style, but is nonetheless thoroughly melodic. Near the end, a cluster of notes in the upper registers of the organ adds a sudden shimmer of sound that is punctuated by loud chords in the player’s left hand, perhaps suggesting the voice of God in the Bible story which proclaims “this is my Son... listen to him.” In the piece’s final measures, both the note clusters and loud chords stop suddenly, evoking the way that both God’s voice and the vision of the prophets suddenly disappear before the disciples in the story. — *Jonathan Hehn, OSL*

“Trinity Song”

Sandra McCracken

Welcome and Call to Worship: Psalm 107:1–9

### PRAISE

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Johann Jakob Schütz

“To God All Praise and Glory”

arr. Brian Eichelberger

### CONFESSION

Call to Confession: Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16

Prayer of Confession

“Ven, Espíritu, ven / Come, O Holy Spirit, Come”

Marco Barrientos

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Words of Assurance: Psalm 130:3–4, 7–8

“The Goodness of the Lord”

Wendell Kimbrough and Paul Zach

Passing the Peace

### **SERMON**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:3–9

Sermon: A Living Hope

### **RESPONSE**

Prayer of Intercession: “Pues si vivimos / When We Are Living”

traditional Mexican

“Even unto Death”

Audrey Assad and Matt Maher

Sending

Blessing

“To God All Praise and Glory”

arr. Brian Eichelberger

Announcements

*We are grateful for the planning and leading of this service by Calvin University Worship Apprentices and student musicians, Julia Start Fletcher, and Paul Ryan; Betsy DeVries, preaching.*