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SULLY CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH

*“Cultivating space for people to experience
the transforming love of Christ.”*

Matthew 17:24-27

“Are You Exempt?”

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Gathering With Joy

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship..... 1 John 3:16-20

* Opening Song “King of Kings”

* God’s Greeting

* Song “Behold Our God”

Opening Ourselves to God

Time of Confession

Psalm 139 – Responsive Reading

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and you know me.

People: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

Leader: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

People: Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.

Leader: You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

People: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

Speak, O Lord

1 Speak O Lord as we come to You, to receive the food of Your Holy word

AM NOTES

Text: Matthew 17:24-27

Title: **“Are You Exempt?”**

1. In your own life, where can you identify the desire to live by legalism?
2. How does being a child of God invite you to change the way you respond to others around you?

Leader: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them.

People: Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

Leader: If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men!

People: They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.

Leader: Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord, and abhor those who rise up against you?

People: I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

People: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Speak, O Lord— vs.3

3 Speak O Lord and renew our minds. Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity

Chorus

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises. And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak O Lord 'til Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word

- * Song "Come as You Are"
- Scripture..... Matthew 17:24-27
- Sermon **"Are You Exempt?"**

Responding In Faith

- Prayer of Response
- * Song of Response "What the Lord has Done in Me"

Departing for Service

- * Benediction
- * Doxology "Step By Step"
- * Moment of Meditation
- * Postlude

Offering received at exits—Sully Christian School

Worship Leader: Pastor Brian Ochsner

Matthew 17:24-27

24 After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma temple tax came to Peter and asked, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?"

25 "Yes, he does," he replied.

When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. "What do you think, Simon?" he asked. "From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own children or from others?"

26 "From others," Peter answered.

"Then the children are exempt," Jesus said to him. 27 "But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours."

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us. Shape and fashion us in Your likeness

Chorus 1 - That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak O Lord and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory

Leader: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

People: even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

People: even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Leader: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

People: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Leader My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

People your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Speak, O Lord - vs.2

2 Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity

Chorus -Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail Let their truth prevail over unbelief.