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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Spacious Firmament

Bell Choir

We Gather in the Word

Call to Worship

Gilbert Smith, Lay Reader

Let us celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

Let us celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and is now risen indeed!

Let us celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

Let us celebrate the ancient hope of Christians: God is with us and will never let us go.

**Gathering Song*

How Great Thou

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*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider
all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the
universes displayed*

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

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*When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the
birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from
lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and
feel the gentle breeze (Refrain)*

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to
take away my sin (Refrain)*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God how great thou art!" (Refrain)

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, we come before you aware that we forfeit peace and bear needless worry when we ignore your promised Holy Spirit. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us and help us to remember that we are never alone; that your Spirit abides in us, and you are with us and for us. Amen.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*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.*

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Acts 17:15-21 Pew Bible, Page 785

Anthem Lord Most High

Scripture Acts 17:22-31 Pew Bible, Page 785

Message The Ivory Tower Rev. Edward Dunn

We Respond to the Word

**Responding Song O God, You Are My God 743*

*O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will
learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead
me, and I will follow you all of my days.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Receiving Our Offering

Offertory *Lamb of God* *Debbie Grubb*

*Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

**Sending Song* *God of Our Life* 686

*God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.*

*God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.*

*God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.*

*Blessing

Postlude *For the Beauty of the Earth/Give Thanks*