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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

We Gather in the Word

Call to Worship

from Psalm 8

David Battle, Lay Reader

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

Look at the heavens, the work of God's fingers, the moon and stars.

You have given humans dominion over the works of your hands, and put all things under their feet.

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

**Gathering Song*

For the Beauty of the earth

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*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**Call to Confession*

**Prayer of Confession*

We confess, O God, that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone. Amen.

**Declaration of Forgiveness*

**Gloria Parti 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.*

**Shar. *Sharing the Peace of Christ*

Scripture	Matthew 28:16-20	Pew Bible, Page 706
Special Music	I Would Be True	Eric Arvidson
Scripture	Genesis 1-2	Pew Bible, Page 1
Message	It begins with a story	Rev. Edward Dunn

We Respond to the Word

**Responding Baptized in Water 482*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the
blood of Christ our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the
promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the
tomb with Christ our King; one with his raising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spirit, we are God's
children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

Sacrament of Baptism and Receiving New Members

Receiving Our Offering

**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 Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and
endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly
cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn
to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall
raise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of
Christ, your Son: all the peace in health and freedom, races
joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily
labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents,
make us servants fit to answer at your throne.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your
grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to
spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in
sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching,
and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.*

*Blessing

Postlude

Hornpipe