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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**Gathering Songs Better is One Day*

*How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty
My soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your Presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings*

*Refrain: Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere*

*One thing I ask and I would seek,
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your Glory dwells (Refrain)*

*My heart and flesh cry out,
for You the Living God
Your spirit's water to my soul,
I've tasted and I've seen,*

*Come once again to me,
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You (Refrain)*

Everlasting God

*Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we wait upon the Lord
Our God, You reign forever, Our hope, our strong deliverer.*

*You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles*

*Sentences of Scripture

Betty Butler, Lay Reader

Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever;
With my mouth I will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.
Let us declare that God's steadfast love is established forever;
God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

*Prayer of the Day

Steadfast God, you greet us as a loving parent and patiently love us beyond all measure. Great is your faithfulness. May we offer that same kindness to all whom we encounter, knowing it is Christ whom we greet as we welcome others. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

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.

Responding SongTake My Life**697 (verses 1, 2, 6)*

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in
ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful
for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee; ever, only, all for thee.*

**Blessing*

**Please stand as you are able*