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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Immoral, Invisible/I Could Sing of you Love Forever

We Gather in the Word

Call to Worship

Roy Williams, Lay Reader

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

**Gathering Songs Light the Fire*

I stand to praise You but I fall to my knees

My spirit is willing but my flesh is so weak

Refrain: Light the fire In my soul

Fan the flame Make me whole

Lord You know Where I've been

So light the fire in my heart again

I feel Your arms around me,

As the power of Your healing begins

You breathe a new life right through me

Like a mighty rushing wind (Refrain)

Sing to the Lord

Sing to the Lord with all your heart

Sing of glory that's due to His name

Sing to the Lord with all you soul

Join all of Heaven and Earth to proclaim

Refrain: You are the Lord the Savior of all

God of creation we praise you

We sing the songs that awaken the dawn

God of creation we praise you

*Sing to the Lord with all your mind
With understanding give thanks to the King
Sing to the Lord with all of your strength
Living our lives as a praise offering (Refrain)*

*Prayer of the Day

Holy God, we try to fix and fasten you, but you will not be stayed. You are love in motion; always breathing us into being, calling us to serve, sustaining us in the wilderness. Come to us as the morning breaks. Soften what has grown dry and brittle in our hearts until we worship with abandon, for we pray in the name of the Son you sent and through the Spirit that gives us life. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;

³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;

⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;

⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous
⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."

⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Message ...on earth as it is in heaven

Rev. Edward Dunn

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.

**Sending Song Be Thou My Vision*

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

*Blessing

*Please stand as you are able