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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude All Creatures of Our God and King/Shout to the Lord

We Gather in the Word

Call to Worship

Gail Long, Lay Reader

**Gathering Song To God Be the Glory 634*

*To God be the glory; great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.*

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

*Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Lord, we call on you. Save us; for we are distracted from your purposes and overwhelmed by doubts and fears. We envy the blessings of others. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters. Lord, you search and know our hearts, lift us from sin that we may walk with you in faith, humility and love. 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	Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22	Pew Bible, Page 430
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<i>Special Music</i>	<i>It Is Well with My Soul Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	<i>Elenita Musgrove</i>
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Scripture	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Pew Bible, Page 28
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Message		Rev. Edward Dunn
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We Respond to the Word

<i>*Responding Song</i>	<i>Here in this Place</i>	<i>401 verse 1</i>
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*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness
vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

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

**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

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!*

**Blessing*

Postlude

Exalt His Name

**Please stand as you are able*