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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Just A Closer Walk with Thee*
 We Gather in the Word

Call to Worship Dennis Schooley, Lay Reader

**Gathering Song* *God of this City*

You're the God of this city
You're the King of these people
You're the Lord of this nation
You are

You're the light in this darkness
You're the hope to the hopeless
You're the peace to the restless
You are

There is no one like our God
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Greater things have yet to come
Greater things are still to be done
In this city

**Call to Confession*

**Prayer of Confession*

Have mercy on us, O God. We are dismayed at your presence, anguished by the awful fallout of our own failures. We cannot take back what we have said, or undo what we have done, or atone for the harm we have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. Yet the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor, returns to your presence, and hungers for your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Pew Bible, Page 802

Special Music On Eagle's Wings

Scripture Genesis 45:1-15 Pew Bible, Page 35

Message "Life...Lemons...? Rev. Edward Dunn

We Respond to the Word

**Responding Song Open My Eyes, That I May See 451*

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and
set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy
will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will
disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy
will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children
thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy
will to see. Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

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

*Sending Song *Jesus Shall Reign* 265 (verses 1-3)

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its
successive journeys run; his Kingdom stretch from
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*To Him shall endless prayer be made, and praises
throng to crown His head; his name like sweet
perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.*

*People and realms of every tongue dwell on his
love with sweetest song; and infant voices
shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.*

*Blessing

Postlude I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Please stand as you are able