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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Ave Maria*

Call to Worship Frank Jenkins, Lay Reader

The heavens declare the glory of God!
The skies proclaim God's handiwork.
Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

**Gathering Song* *For the Beauty of the Earth* 14

*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

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; 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

Old Testament reading	Exodus 20	(see insert)
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<i>Special Music</i>	<i>Build My Life</i>	<i>Praise Band</i>
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New Testament reading	Philippians 3:4b-14	Pew Bible, Page 832
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Gospel reading	Matthew 21:33-46	Pew Bible, Page 699
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Message	Becoming God's People	Rev. Edward Dunn
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We Respond to the Word

**Responding Song You Will Find Me
When your souls are weary, When you find doubt
When you can't hear me, Lay your troubles down
In your darkest moments, When your heart's weak
Bring yourself broken, You will find me*

*Refrain: Who wrote the rain, Who wrote the sun in
Who called your name, Where are you running
I'm gonna be there near or far, I'm gonna meet you where you are
Who wrote the rain, Who wrote the sun in*

*When you come thirsty, When the well's dry
When your soul's dirty, I am by your side*

*When your faiths broken, When you can't see
With me arms open, You will find me (Refrain)*

*You carried all my shame, When you called my name
I am not the same
Who wrote the rain, Who wrote the sun in
You called My name, I am tired of running
I'm gonna be there near or far, I'm gonna meet you where you are
Who wrote the rain, Who wrote the sun in
You called my name, I'm tired of running*

Receiving our Offering
Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation
Prayer of Thanksgiving
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.

Sharing the Bread and Wine
Prayer

**Sending Song We Come as Guests Invited 504*

*We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemm token of Christ our dying lord.*

*We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living our ever present friend.*

*One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.*

*Blessing
Postlude Sent Forth By God's Blessing

*Please stand as you are able