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Welcome and Announcements

*Prelude      Leaning on the Everlasting Arms      Bell Choir*

Call to Worship      Gail Long, Lay Reader

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**Praise the Lord, all the angels and heavenly host!**

Praise the Lord, sun and moon; all you shining stars!

Let everything praise the name of the Lord.

*\*Gathering Song      Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise      12*

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love*

*To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession **God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your**

goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. 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 24:1-6*                      Pew Bible, p. 392

*Special Music* *The Lord is My Shepherd*                      *Eric Arvidson*

*Scripture*                      *Leviticus 19:9-18*                      Pew Bible, p. 85

*Song*                      *Help Us Accept Each Other*                      754

*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.*

*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!*

*Scripture*                      *John 13:31-35*                      Pew Bible, p. 763

*\*Responding Song*    *We are One in the Spirit*                      300

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

*(Refrain) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride. (Refrain)*

## Prayers of the People

## Receiving our Offering

\*Prayer of Dedication

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Sun!*

*Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

\*Blessing

*Postlude      All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name / You are My All in All*

*Our worship leaders today are Gail Long, Jan Jarrell, Marilyn Gillette, Ron Dickerson,  
Roy Williams, and Gregg Pead.*