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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Bell Choir

Call to Worship

Betty Bashaw, Lay Reader

May God be gracious to us; May God bless us

We gather in worship, knowing God is here.

May God's face shine upon us.

May God call us into the joyful work of creating peace.

**Gathering Song O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

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*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession God of the city, you call us to come to you in the world, but we disobey you. We choose power and profit over acts of love. We are content to work within the past instead of working to change the future. We forget that everything comes from you. We look for mountain tops instead of being among your people. Forgive us Lord, when we forget your call to follow your example in the world. Embolden us to live fully in your call – to love our neighbor. 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 *John 5:1-9* Pew Bible, p. 753-754

Anthem *God of Our Fathers* Chancel Choir

Scripture: *Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5* Pew Bible, p. 878-879

Message City Living Rev. Edward Dunn

**Responding Song* *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 new life right through me, like a mighty rushing wind. (Refrain)*

Prayers of the People

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* *Shall We Gather at the River* 375

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?*

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;

Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

*On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. Refrain*

*Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. Refrain*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Refrain.*

*Blessing

Postlude Amazing Grace