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Welcome and Announcements

*Prelude Take My Life and Let it Be/Sanctuary**

Call to Worship

Betty Bashaw, Lay Reader

We remember who we are:
We are the body of Christ.
We remember whose we are:
We are God's beloved children.
We remember our chief purpose:
To glorify and enjoy God forever.

*Gathering Song Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (v1-3) 394

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come, with all your loving-kindness; hear your people as they pray, And you fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain; What they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain; And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

- *Call to Confession
- *Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we are pulled in many directions. We become distracted and point fingers and pass judgment. We are reluctant to examine our complicity in injustices. We are fearful of the loss of health, safety, and financial security, so we operate from a mindset of scarcity. We confess our distraction because it is easier than discipleship. Forgive us. Help us discern the better path as we seek to follow Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

We are Forgiven

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We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Luke 10:38-42 Pew Bible, p. 735

Special MusicCome, Christians Join to Sing Bell Choir

Scripture Joshua 3:1-4b, 11-17; 4:1-7 Pew Bible, p. 152-53

Message ...the way you should go... Rev. Edward Dunn

*Responding Song Blessed be your name Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name And blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Refrain: Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise And when the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be blessed be your name And blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name. (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

*Response: Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the

Spirit, ever three and ever one:

one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Song Be Thou My Vision

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Blessing

Postlude Faith of our Fathers