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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude There is None Like You/What a Wonderful Savior

Call to Worship

Beth Stone, Lay Reader

Siblings of Christ, we have been raised with him to new life, freed from every fear, and granted every grace.

With songs of praise, let us worship God.

**Gathering Song Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (v.1,5,6) 687*

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

*Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you lavish us with good gifts, yet we persist in seeking things that rob us of abundant life. We hold fast to anxieties and give in to greed. We choose those very things that harm us. Forgive us, and sustain us, by the strength of your Holy Spirit. We ask this 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 Ecclesiastes 1:12-14, 2:18-23

Pew Bible, p.472-73

Special Music Reach Out and Touch

Debbie Grubb

Scripture Luke 12: 13-21

Pew Bible, p. 737

Message Eat, Drink and Be Merry?

Rev. Edward Dunn

**Responding Song Seek Ye First*

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*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!*

*You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!*

Receiving our Offering

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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*God, whose given knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door;
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.*

**Blessing*

**Postlude*

All Creatures of Our God and King