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Welcome and Announcements

*Prelude To God be the Glory*

Call to Worship

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Our souls wait for the Lord, who is our help and shield.

**Our hearts are glad, because we trust in God's holy name.**

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

Even as we hope in you.

*\*Gathering Song Here I am to Worship*

*Light of the world you stepped down into darkness*

*Opened my eyes, let me see*

*Beauty that made this heart adore you,*

*Hope of a life spent with you.*

*Refrain: Here I am to worship; here I am to bow down*

*Here I am to say that you're my God.*

*You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me*

*King of all days, oh so highly exalted*

*Glorious in heaven above*

*Humbly you came to the earth you created*

*All for love's sake became poor. (Refrain)*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You invite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. Forgive us. Increase our hope and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. 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.  
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\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture	Genesis 15:1-6	Pew Bible, p. 10
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<i>Special Music Hymn of Heaven</i>	Praise Band
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Scripture	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Pew Bible, p. 851-52
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Message	Star-gazing	Rev. Edward Dunn
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*\*Responding Song      All Things New*

*Your love's making all things new, you're working in all for good  
For the things of this world, there is hope renewed,  
In this life that is found in you.*

*Refrain:      You make all things new, you make all things new  
Yesterday and forever, your love never changing  
This hope never fading, hallelujah*

*My faith is in things unseen, bringing life where it has not been  
Speaking things that are not, as if they were,  
I am alive in you. (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      Rejoice*

*Come and stand before your maker, full of wonder, full of fear  
Come behold his power and glory, yet with confidence draw near  
For the one who holds the heaven, and commands the stars above  
Is the God who bends to bless us, with an unrelenting love.*

*Refrain: Rejoice, come and lift your hands and raise,  
Your voice. He is worthy of our praise.  
Rejoice, sing of mercies of your king; and with trembling, rejoice.*

*We are children of the promise, the beloved of the Lord  
Won with everlasting kindness, bought with sacrificial blood  
Bringing reconciliation, to a world that longs to know  
The affections of a father, who will never let them go. (Refrain)*

*All our sickness, all our sorrow, Jesus carried up the hill  
He has walked this path before us, he is walking with us still  
Turning tragedy to triumph, turning agony to praise  
There is blessing in the battle, so take heart and stand amazed. (Refrain)*

\*Blessing

*Postlude      A Mighty Fortress is our God*