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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude My Jesus I Love Thee / I Love You, Lord

Call to Worship

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Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!
Praise God who feeds the hungry and lifts up the downtrodden!
Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!
The Lord will reign forever! Praise the Lord!

**Gathering Song Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty. 35*

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen, sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

We have sinned, O God, hoarding what we have, grasping for more, and ignoring those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind; we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress. Forgive us. Purify and remake us, that we might love you as you love. 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. Amos 6: 1, 4-7 Pew Bible, Page 651

Anthem The Father Knows Chancel Choir

Scripture Luke 16:19-31 Pew Bible, Page 741

Message Longing for a drop of water Rev. Edward Dunn

**Responding Song Better Is One Day*

*How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.
My soul longs and even faints for you;
for here my heart is satisfied, within your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.*

*Refrain: Better is one day in your courts.
Better is one day in your house.
Better is one day in your courts;
than thousands elsewhere.*

*One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty.
To find You in the place Your glory dwells. (Refrain)*

*My heart and flesh cry out,
for you the living God.
Your Spirit's water to my soul ,
I've tasted and I've seen.
Come once again to me,
I will draw near to you,
I will draw near to 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 blessing 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 Bless the Lord 544*

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

**Blessing*

Postlude For the Beauty of the Earth/Give Thanks