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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name/You Are My All in All*

Call to Worship David Battle, Lay Reader

We gather to worship God, who looks in favor on His people and has redeemed them.
We sing blessings to God, who stands with us for justice and salvation.
We worship God who spoke through the mouth of prophets from of old.
We sing blessings to God, who has shown mercy to our ancestors.
We gather to worship God, whose tenderness we see breaking upon us.
We sing blessings to God, who guides our feet into the way of peace.

**Gathering Song* *Crown Him with Many Crowns* 268

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake my soul and sing, of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail ! For thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the King and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ, yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy and forgiveness, yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us the commitment to be more Christ-like in word, deed and spirit. 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

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture.	Jeremiah 23: 1-6	Pew Bible, Page 553
Anthem	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>	Chancel Choir
Scripture	Luke 23: 33-43	Pew Bible, Page 748
Message	A Royal Paradox	Rev. Edward Dunn

We Respond to God's Word

**Responding Song* *O Lord My God* 625

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
thy power throughout the universe displayed:*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:
(Refrain:)
And when I think that God, his Son not sparing*

*sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:
(Refrain:)*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"
(Refrain:)*

Prayers of the People

The 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* *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* 132

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blessed for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

*Blessing

Congregational Meeting