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We Gather in the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Like a River Glorious*

Call to Worship

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God calls us here.

We bring questions, longings, hopes, dreams and fears.

Jesus invites us to see where God is at work; across the street and across the globe.

God is here: within these walls, and within our hearts.

**Gathering Song*

Here in this Place

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*Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion*

lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away;
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in, and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. Forgive us we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish joyful thanksgiving in us. Heal and restore us, that we may return to you with a right spirit and to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save. In Christ's 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

We Listen for the Word

Scripture.	John 1: 35-42	Pew Bible, Page 750
<i>Anthem</i>	<i>Praise Ye the Lord</i>	<i>Chancel Choir</i>
Scripture	1 Corinthians 1: 1-9	Pew Bible, Page 806
Message	What are you looking for?	Rev. Edward Dunn

We Respond to the 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!*

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*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.*

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

*Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)*

*Pardon from sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)*

Blessing

Postlude