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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

It Is Well With My Soul

Call to Worship

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Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**Gathering Song*

Be Still My Soul

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*Be still my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.*

*Be still my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you know all about our troubles. Your Sin was tested in the wilderness, tempted by the powers and principalities of the age. We confess how easily we give in to them, yet you continue to forgive us; reminding us there is nothing we can do to lose your love. Holy God, turn us from the evil powers in high places, that we may return to you and the path to which you have called us. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. 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. Genesis 2: 15-17, 3:1-7 Pew Bible, Page 2

Anthem *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho* *Chancel Choir*

Scripture Matthew 4: 1-11 Pew Bible, Page 682

Message. Trust Rev. Edward Dunn

**Affirmation of Faith (From a Brief Statement of Faith)*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying "Come, Lord Jesus !"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Offertory: Love of God Debbie Grubb

**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 When We Are Tested 783*

*When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.*

*When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.*

*When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the power to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.*

*When we have struggled and search through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.*

*Blessing
Postlude