

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude. Immortal, Invisible and I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Call to Worship Gail Long, Lay Reader

In times of trouble and days of fear,

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

When we are lost and lonely, and not sure of our place

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

When we struggle to believe God's promise of redemption,

Steadfast love surrounds us, we place our trust in the Lord.

*Gathering Song To God Be the Glory 634

To God be the glory;

great things he has done!

So loved he the world

that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life

an atonement for sin,

and opened the life-gate

that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;

let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;

let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father

through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us;

great things he has done,

and great our rejoicing

through Jesus the Son;

but purer and higher

and greater will be

our wonder, our transport,

when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the desires of our own hearts and left undone those things we ought to have done. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore us according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy 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

Scripture	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	See Insert
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Special Music.	Meditation	Elenita Musgrove	Cello
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Scripture	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	See Insert
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Message	This isn't fair	Rev. Edward Dunn
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*Responding Song There is Now a New Creation 774

There is now a new creation
through the grace of Jesus Christ,
peace and reconciliation
with the God of endless life.

Call the lost and found together;
tell the news to everyone:
now the past is gone forever
and a new life has begun.

Wrap the prodigal in welcome;
run to greet the wayward child.
All is finished and forgiven;
let us now be reconciled.

Come and join the celebration;
come and join this happy feast;
Jesus makes an invitation
to the greatest and the least.

There is now a new creation
through the grace of Jesus Christ.
Sing, with thanks and adoration,
to the God of endless life!

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 Holding Nothing Back

I am chosen, I am free
I am living for eternity, Free now forever
You picked me up, turned me around
You set my feet on solid ground, Yours now forever

Refrain: And nothing's gonna hold me back
Nothing's gonna hold me back
Nothing's gonna hold me back
My chains fell off, My heart was free
I'm alive to live for you, I'm alive to live for you
Amazing love, how can it be?
You give everything for me, You give everything for me
Everything

You washed my sin and shame away
The slate is clean; a brand new day, Free now forever
Now boldly I approach your throne
To claim this crown through Christ my own, Yours now forever (Refrain)

Now I'm free to live, free to give
Free to be, I'm free to love you (Refrain)

*Blessing
Postlude The Lord is my rock