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Welcome and Outreach Announcements

Prelude

Lamb Of God

Sanctuary Bell Ringers

Call to Worship

Frank Jenkins, Lay Reader

Watch out as you come in,

for real life happens here!

Be careful as you say hello

for real love happens here.

Find a seat, catch your breath

for rest is here, and peace.

We'll sing some songs and read a book, we'll listen and we'll pray.

And then it will be time for fellowship for real family happens here.

*Gathering Song

To God be the Glory

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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)

*Litany of Confession

What does it mean to confess our sins?

God is sad when we do something wrong but God's love for us never ends.

So it's a way to say "I'm sorry" to God.

Sometimes I say unkind things to my family and friends and have to say "I'm sorry" to them too.

Can we say a prayer together to say "I'm sorry"?

Dear God,

You are a great and awesome God.

Today we come to you in a prayer of confession.

We are sorry for the many things that we have done that are wrong in your eyes.

We are also sorry for all the things we should have done but we didn't do.

We are asking now for forgiveness for these things,

and for other things that we have done wrong and don't even know about.

Please forgive us.

In your name alone we pray, Amen.

God must love us so much because God is willing to forgive us.

Thanks be to God for such an amazing grace and love.

*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

"A Big Picnic"

A reading from John 6

Anthem

This Is God

Scripture

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, ⁴but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

**we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

***Blessing**

Postlude