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Welcome and Outreach Announcements

Prelude

God Is So Good

The Sanctuary Ringers

Call to Worship

We have been walking, Lord,
on roads of uncertainty and fear
on roads of exhaustion and doubt,
on winding roads that have led us here.

Join us on our journey, Lord.

By your presence, refresh our spirits,
set our hearts ablaze,
and give us new direction!

*Gathering Song

Christ is Alive

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Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess today our outright foolishness. We have been foolish to doubt your promises. Foolish to withhold love from neighbor. Foolish to chase riches, prestige, and power. Foolish to waste your gifts and spoil your creation. Foolish to divide your children from each other. Foolish to think hope is lost. Wise us up again. Open our hearts to your presence in our lives, in our neighbors, in our world. In your grace, help us grab onto our millionth second chance and forge a new road from here on. 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

Special Music

Our Lord Reigns

Chancel Choir

Scripture

Luke 24:13-35

See Insert

Message

The Road

Rev. Edward Dunn

*Responding Song

I Can Only Imagine

Praise Band

**I can only imagine, What it will be like
When I walk, By your side
I can only imagine, What my eyes will see
When your face, Is before me
I can only imagine, I can only imagine**

**Refrain: Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel
Will I dance for you Jesus or in awe of you be still
Will I stand in your presence or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah, will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine, I can only imagine**

**I can only imagine, When that day comes
And I find myself, Standing in the sun
I can only imagine, When all I will do
Is forever, Forever worship You
I can only imagine, I can only imagine (Refrain)**

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.**

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Our Offering
Offertory

***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** **What is This Place**

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What is this place, where we are meeting?

Only a house, the earth its floor.

**Walls and a roof, sheltering people,
windows for light, an open door.**

**Yet it becomes a body that lives
when we are gathered here,
and know our God is near.**

**Words from afar, stars that are falling.
Sparks that are sown in us like seed:
names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders
sent from the past are what we need.
We in this place remember and speak
again what we have heard:
God's free redeeming word.**

**And we accept bread at his table,
broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living,
we are each other's bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive
what we need to increase:
God's justice and God's peace.**

***Blessing**

Postlude