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Welcome and Outreach Announcements

Prelude Woody Johnson

Call to Worship

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us.**

\*Gathering Song Rejoice

**Come and stand before your Maker, Full of wonder, full of fear  
Come behold His power and glory, Yet with confidence draw near  
For the one who holds the heavens, And commands the stars above  
Is the God who bends to bless us, With an unrelenting love**

**Refrain: Rejoice, come and lift your hands and  
Raise your voice, He is worthy of our praise  
Rejoice, sing of mercies of your King  
And with trembling, rejoice**

**We are children of the promise, The beloved of the Lord  
Won with everlasting kindness, Bought with sacrificial blood  
Bringing reconciliation, To a world that longs to know  
The affections of a Father, Who will never let them go (Refrain)**

**All our sickness, all our sorrows, Jesus carried up the hill  
He has walked this path before us, He is walking with us still  
Turning tragedy to triumph, Turning agony to praise  
There is blessing in the battle, So take heart and stand amazed (Refrain)**

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. 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 Your Grace Finds Me Praise Band

Scripture Joshua 24:1-3,14-25 See insert

Message "Choose" Rev. Melana Scruggs,  
General Presbyter, Peace River Presbytery

\*Responding Song Open My Eyes 452

Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

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

Offertory Woody Johnson

**\*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 God Be With You Till We Meet Again 542

**God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
unseen wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you;  
smite death's threatening wave before you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

\*Blessing

Postlude