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Welcome and Outreach Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Come closer to me

Like precious oil on the head; like dew on the mountains of Zion.

Hurry and go up!

There the Lord ordained his blessing,

Life forevermore.

*Gathering Song

As the Deer

As the deer pants for water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield;

to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, Lord. We dismayed at your presence, anguished by the awful fallout of our own failures. We cannot take back what we have said, or undo what we have done. We cannot atone for the agony we have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. Yet you show your favor and return us to your presence, and fill our hunger for your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Psalm 133

¹ How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

² It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Special Music

Enter the Rest of God

Billy Burke

Scripture

Genesis 45:1-15

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Message

“Taking a Second Look”

Rev. Edward Dunn

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.
Refrain:

"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? (Refrain)

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. (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.**

Receiving 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**

Standing on the Promises

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**Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.**

Refrain:

**Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)**

**Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)**

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)**

***Blessing**

Postlude

Today's Lay Reader: Emmett Scott