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Welcome and Outreach Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

**Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.**

For the Lord takes pleasure in the people.

**Let the faithful sing for joy.**

\*Gathering Song

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness,  
most beautiful, most bright;  
on you, the high and lowly,  
through ages joined in tune,  
sing "Holy, holy, holy"  
to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation  
the light first had its birth;  
on you, for our salvation  
Christ rose from depths of earth;  
on you, our Lord victorious  
sent Spirit forth from heaven.  
And thus on you, most glorious,  
a triple light was given.

On you, God's people, meeting,  
the Holy Scripture hear,  
Christ's living presence greeting,  
through bread and wine made near.  
New graces ever gaining  
from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining  
to spirits of the blest.

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. We have not loved you with our whole being, or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's 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	Matthew 18:15-20	See insert
*Special Music	Be Thou My Vision	Woody Johnson
Scripture	Romans 13:8-14	See insert
Message	Life in Community: Embracing Gratitude	Rev. Edward Dunn

\*Responding Song

What A Beautiful Name

**You were the Word at the beginning  
One With God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ**

**Refrain: What a beautiful Name it is,  
What a beautiful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus**

**You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now (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

**\*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

God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

\*Blessing  
Postlude

Today's Lay Reader is Debbie Grubb