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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Whether we are longtimers or latecomers in the life of faith

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Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*Gathering Song

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

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O, worship the King,

all glorious above!

O gratefully sing

God's power and God's love:

our shield and defender,

the Ancient of Days,

pavilioned in splendor

and girded with praise.

2 O tell of God's might;

O sing of God's grace,

whose robe is the light,

whose canopy space,

whose chariots of wrath

the deep thunderclouds form;

and bright is God's path

on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store

of wonders untold,

Almighty, your power

has founded of old;

established it fast

by a changeless decree,

and round it has cast,

like a mantle, the sea.

4 Your bountiful care

what tongue can recite?

It breathes in the air;

it shines in the light;

it streams from the hills;

it descends to the plain,

and sweetly distills

in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust,
and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust,
nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have sought after things but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity but have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 20:1-16	See Insert
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Special Music	This is my Father's world	Debbie Grubb
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Scripture	Jonah 3:10-4:11	See Insert
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Message

What did you expect?

Rev. Edward Dunn

*Responding Song

Thy Word

**Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
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And a light unto my path**

**When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear, as long as You are near
Please be near me to the end (Refrain)**

**I will not forget, Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to Your side
Help me love You to the end (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

Change my heart O God

***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 There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy 435**

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.**

**There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.**

**There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.**

**For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.**

**And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.**

***Blessing**

Postlude