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Welcome

Prelude *To God Be the Glory*

Call to Worship

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Christ abides in us,
And we abide in him.
Christ has the words of eternal life.
Let us choose again whom we will serve.
We will serve the God of liberation and new life;
The God who hears and answers when we call.
We bring our praises and our prayers to God
Trusting God to meet us as we gather.

**Gathering Song* *Better is One Day*
How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord Almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for you.
For here my heart is satisfied,
within your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.

Refrain:
Better is one day in your courts,
better is one day in your house,
better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in your courts,
better is one day in your house,
better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere,
than thousands elsewhere.

*One thing I ask and I would seek:
to see your beauty,
to find you in the place your glory dwells.
One thing I ask and I would seek:
to see your beauty,
To find you in the place your glory dwells. [Refrain]*

*Bridge:
My heart and flesh cry out
for you, the living god;
your Spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen,
come once again to me;
I will draw near to you,
I will draw near to you. [Refrain]*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you abide in us and invite us to abide in you but we are restless and unsatisfied. Instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers we chase after money and fame, recognition and power, status and control. Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to a different way of being in the world; to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ. Lead us into care for one another and the world you have made. In Christ's 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 Psalm 84:1-5, 10-12

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

² My soul longs, indeed it faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

³ Even the sparrow finds a home
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴ Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

⁵ Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹² O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Special Music

Have a Little Talk with Jesus

Men's Trio

Scripture I Kings 8: 1,6,10, 22-30

8 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion...⁶ Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the

inner sanctuary of the house, the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim...¹⁰ And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD...²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³ He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love with your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴ the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵ Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' ²⁶ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed that you promised to your servant my father David.²⁷ "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸ Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today, ²⁹ that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰ Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; hear and forgive.

Message

Where does God Abide?

Rev. Edward Dunn

**Responding Song*

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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*Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:*

*Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.*

*Refrain: Your love never fails, it never gives up
It never runs out on me*

*On and on and on and on it goes
For it overwhelms and satisfies my soul,
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains, One thing remains (Refrain)*

*In death, In life, I'm confident and covered by
the power of Your great love
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can separate
My heart from Your great love (Refrain)*

*Blessing

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Purcell