

OPENING WORDS

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Thank you!)

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks for all the wonderful works of God.

All: Praise the Lord!

One: Sing a new song of praise to the God of all peoples.

All: Praise the Lord!

One: Proclaim God's name to all the world.

All: Praise the Lord!

One: We are God's chosen people; God is with us always.

All: Praise the Lord!

One: Let our hearts rejoice, for the Lord is God.

All: Praise the Lord!

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,

God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,

Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;

Drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness,

Fill us with the light of day.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. Ignite a new flame within us so that we burn brightly for you. We pray in his name. Amen. *(Silent Reflection)*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice)

Jesus knows the inmost heart; nothing can be hidden.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

PASSING OF THE PEACE (wave at your neighbor)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

RECOGNITION OF CATECHISM STUDENTS

Ellis Campbell Coker

John Calhoun Land, V

Amelie Rives Lucas

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 8:48-59

Gracyn Coker

Exodus 3:1-14

Rev. Nick Cheek

SERMON

The Holy Ground of "I Am"

Rev. Nick Cheek

ANTHEM

Here I Am, Lord

Lauren Decker, Violin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory; great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give him the glory: great things he has done!

BENEDICTION AND DOXOLOGY

Go in Peace

(Offerings can be placed in the baskets provided as you depart.)

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