

Greeting

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L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts "All Who Are Thirsty" Caitlyn Haynes, Cindy Haynes  
*By Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson © 1998 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire) CCLI #1365061* Sharon Pajak

\*Call to Worship

L: The good news of the gospel is:

**P: manna in the desert, water turned into wine, love after loss, forgiveness after pain.**

L: The good news of the gospel is:

**P: release for the captive, hope for the hopeless, mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.**

L: So come on in. There's no time to waste! This surprising, good news is here for you!

**P: Let us worship this good-news God.**

\*Hymn of Praise

"In A Neat and Tidy Garden"

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**In a neat and tidy garden grows a secret tiny seed  
There among the planted barley will emerge a shocking weed  
Growing quickly through the soil to break forth in vacant spot  
What a joy when I discover God has planted in my plot!  
What a joy when I discover God has planted in my plot!**

**Green and tender leaves I harvest from the mustard growing wild  
To enrich and spice my dishes that were until now too mild  
Unexpected and surprising, uncontrolled by human hand  
See the reign of God is growing, taking root throughout the land!  
See the reign of God is growing, taking root throughout the land!**

**Other gardeners may struggle and pretend they have control  
Over land that God created but I'll tell you what I know:  
I am not the Master Gardener, just a steward of this place  
God has seeded every acre with surprising, wild grace!  
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A Season of Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Loving God, somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in order to be faithful, we have to be serious. We have to pray on our knees without ceasing. We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies. We have to check our wiggles and our questions at the door.**

**But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and untamed. You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant. And all of a sudden, we wonder:**

**Can we be like that mustard seed?  
Can we be faithful and unruly?  
Can we be playful and curious?  
Can we be messy and still be yours?**

**We know the answer already.  
The Spirit whispers: of course, of course, of course.**

**Forgive our doubt.  
Pull us closer into your embrace.  
With faith like a mustard seed, we pray.  
Amen**

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Words of Assurance

**L: God's grace is wild and unruly.  
God's mercy is abundant and surprising.  
God's love is expansive and unending.  
So if you ask, "Holy One, am I forgiven?"  
the answer is and always will be:**

**P: of course, of course, of course.**

**L: This is the good news of the gospel.**

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Song of Praise

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"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

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**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!  
Halle-lu-ja! Halle-lu-ja!**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

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**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen!**

Song of Praise

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

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Sing 2 times

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!  
Halle-lu-ja! Halle-lu-ja!**

Anthem

“My Father’s House”

Chancel Choir

*Patsy Ford Simms, 2005 GlorySound*

First Scripture Reading

John 2:1-11

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:31-32

Scripture Response and Prayer for Illumination

L: Word of God, word of life!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

L: Let us pray together:

**P: Holy One, it is easy to see the mustard plant and forget to marvel at the seed. It is easy to taste good wine and not appreciate it. It is easy to miss the holy that is in our midst. So as we turn to your text today, we pray, surprise us. Speak to us. Move through us. Draw us closer to your good news. We wait with bated breath. Amen.**

Song of Preparation

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

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*By Richard Blanchard ©1959 Richard Blanchard, assigned 1964 to Curb Word Music CCLI #1365061*

**Fill my cup Lord I lift it up Lord  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul  
Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more  
Fill my cup fill it up and make me whole**

Message

“Surprise!”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

“Did You Think to Pray?”

Caitlyn Haynes

*Words by Mary Ann Kidder, 1876; Music: American Folk Song, arr. by Greg Gilp; arr. ©2004 Alfred Publishing Co., Inc CCLI #1365061*

**\*Doxology**

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise him all creatures here below!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)**

**Great Big God, we have given you what we have. It may not be as much as we'd like to give, it may not be as much as we should give, but it is what we are giving today. Take these gifts and enlarge them in such a way that those in need can find a home in your kingdom. Amen.**

**\*Song of Response**

**"Pass It On"**

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**It only takes a spark to get a fire going  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it  
You spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.**

**What a wonderful time is spring, when all the trees are budding;  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.  
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;  
You want to sing, its fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.**

**I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found;  
You can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound.  
I'll shout it from the mountain top [praise God!];  
I want my world to know;  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on!**

**I'll shout it from the mountain top [praise God!];  
I want my world to know;  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on!**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Music for Going Forth**

**"Great Is the Lord"**

Cindy Haynes

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