



Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

“Sanctuary”

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\*Call to Worship

L: Great is our God!

**P: And greatly to be praised!**

L: For God has stretched the heavens above us

**P: and filled the earth with every good thing.**

L: We live and move and have our being in God,

**P: And in God is our everlasting hope!**

L: Let us worship God as we sing together

\*Hymn of Praise

“God Is Here”

UMH 660

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our life-long need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

A Season of Prayer

Invitation to Prayer

Philippians 4:4-7

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

**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 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!**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 84

UMH 805

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**P: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing  
for joy to the living God.**

L: O Lord of hosts, my Ruler and my God, at your altars even the sparrow finds a home  
and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young

**P: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!**

L: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**P: As they go through the valley of tears, they make it a place of springs; the early  
rain also covers it with pools.**

L: They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**P: O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look upon the face of your anointed!**

L: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere

**P: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

L: For the Lord God is a sun and shield and bestows favor and honor.

**P: No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. Lord of hosts, blessed are those who trust in you!**

Anthem

“Sing Out a Song”

Chancel Choir

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Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

L: This is the word of God for the people of God!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn of Preparation

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

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**When in our music God is glorified and adoration leaves no room for pride  
It is as though the whole creation cried, “Alleluia!”**

**How often making music we have found a new dimension in the world of sound  
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia  
So has the Church in liturgy and song in faith and love through centuries of wrong  
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia**

**And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the Light  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: “Alleluia!”**

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise let all rejoice who have a voice to raise  
And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia**



We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

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1 Chronicles 29:10-13

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\*Song of Praise

“What Gift Can We Bring”

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Verse 1

**What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing  
This song we now offer in honor and praise?**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

**God of New Beginnings, we seek to do everything in the name of Jesus. We desire to live in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. As we place an offering upon your altar, we believe that we are moving closer to this desire. Help us to live with your peace ruling our hearts. We are so thankful! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen!**

\*Hymn of Response

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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**Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.**

**The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living  
The tasks of our every day life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.**

**With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

\*Sending Forth with Blessing

L: Go in peace!

**P: In the power of the Holy Spirit we now go into the world to be the people of God,  
the Body of Christ!**

\*Music for Going Forth

“So Glad I'm Here”

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