

Greeting

Rick Schlee

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 Creatures of Our God and King”

Jim Yancey

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*Call to Worship

L: The Lord of mysteries shall reveal what is hidden!

P: The God of wonders shall unveil the unknown!

L: In the night God will whisper great secrets to our hearts,

P: At dawn we shall shout them from the tops of our houses!

All: Hear, and understand! See, and perceive! To us God will give the secrets of the kingdom!

*Hymn of Praise

“God Is Here”

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Music by Cyril V. Taylor ©1942, renewed 1970 Hope Publishing Company CCLI #2365061

**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 lifelong 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

2Chronicles 7:14

A Time of Silence 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 glory forever! Amen!

Special Music

“Go Down, Moses”

Jim Yancey

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 10:26-33, 37-39

L: This is the word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Song of Preparation

“Spirit of the Living God”

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Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

Message

“Whistling in the Dark”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During the Offering

“Be Thou My Vision”

Jim Yancey

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***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)**

Generous, giving God: the gifts we present this day are supposed to represent the best of our discipleship, but we hide what we give, and we worry about who might know? Grant us the boldness we need to move out of the dark and proclaim our decision to be Christ's disciples to all, to shout it from the rooftops. May we speak to those we know and even to strangers of the love of Jesus without fear. May the way we live our lives be a proclamation of our decision to follow Christ! In His holy name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn of Response**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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**God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.**

***Sending Forth with Blessing**

L: Go in peace!

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

***Music for Going Forward**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Jim Yancey

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