

Greeting

Margo Allerton

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

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

“May the Words”

Elizabeth Tomboulian

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* Call to Worship

L: We are like seeds on the wind, set free by the Sower

P: Save us, hand of God, from the rocky pathways and the thorny ground.

L: In Christ, we find good soil.

P: Holy One, may we grow as we should.

L: Come! Let us worship the Sower, who plants is in the fields of life!

*Hymn of Praise

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

UMH 694

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**Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,**

**giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.**

*Passing the Peace

L: May the peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

A Season of Prayer

Invitation to Prayer

“Open Our Eyes”

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**Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him,
And say that we love him!**

**Open our ears, Lord,
And help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus!**

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**

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Scripture Reading Matthew 13:1-9

Hymn of Preparation “Lead Me, Lord” UMH 473
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**Lead me, Lord,
Lead me in thy righteousness;
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only,
That makest me dwell in safety.**

Message “Broadcast Farming” Rev. Dr. Ryan Hetzer

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering “What a Friend we have in Jesus” Elizabeth Tomboulian
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***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow** UMH 94

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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)**

Master Gardener, as you have sown our lives in a rich and fertile soil, may we bear much fruit through our giving. With these offerings, may your realm be brought to earth, as we plant seeds of hope in the fields of life. Bless our gifts and our ministry, that the world may reap a harvest of generosity and love. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise “Hymn of Promise” UMH 707
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**In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;**

**In cocoons, a hidden promise;
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see!**

**There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see!**

**In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see!**

*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

“Down By the Riverside”

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