

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

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Elizabeth Tombouliau

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*Call to Worship

L: Praise the God of love!

P: We rejoice in this abundant love!

L: Praise the God of hope!

P: We sing praise for this life-giving hope!

L: Praise the God of new beginnings!

P: We give thanks for this chance at new life!

*Hymn of Praise

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

UMH 92

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Verses 1, 2, 5

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

*We Affirm Our Faith "A Modern Affirmation" UMH 885

L: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic, and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

All:

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man,
The gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
The ground of our hope,
And the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,
Whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love
As set forth in our example of our blessed Lord,
To the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

*Glory Be to the Father UMH 70

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen! Amen!**

Special Music "Be Thou My Vision" Ginny Hildebrand

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Scripture Reading James 1:2-4

L: This is the word of the Lord!

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of Preparation "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH 526

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**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**

Message

“Why Me?”

Ellen White

A Season of Prayer

Congregational Call to Prayer

Projected

By Anonymous ~ Public Domain “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

**Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace.**

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!**

Congregational Response to Prayer

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We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

“Beautiful Things”

Elizabeth Tombouljian

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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)

**God of justice and love, transform these offerings, that they may be gifts of justice
and love for a world in need of hope and help. Let love flow through these offerings,
that they may become gifts of love for the world. Amen**

*Hymn of Praise

“God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

**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.**

*Blessing

Song for Going Forth

“Siyahamba”

Elizabeth Tombouliau

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