

Greeting

Pat Cunningham

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 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Doug Bunch, Grace Notes
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Gathering Words

L: As we begin our worship together, let us pray together:

All: In the meeting of our lives, Lord, be the focus of all that we are. In the singing of the hymns, the prayers that we shall make, the reading of your Word and the preaching of the same. Speak to us, encourage and forgive us. In the meeting of our lives, Lord, be the focus of all that we are. Amen

We Gather with Song

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” Projected

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Chorus

**Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.**

**One day every tongue
Will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now. (Chorus)**

**Willingly we choose to surrender our lives,
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength,
We gladly choose You now. (Chorus)**

“You Are My All in All”

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Projected

**You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking you as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.**

You are my all in all.

Chorus

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!**

**Taking my sin, my cross my shame,
Rising again I bless your name;
You are my all in all.**

**When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup;
You are my all in all. (*Chorus*)**

We Lift Up Our Hearts
The Lord's Prayer

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**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!**

Special Music

Carolyn Swinsick and Grace Notes

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 13: 13:31-33, 44-52

L: This is the word of God!

P: Thanks be to God!

Interlude

Message

“Easter Eggs at Christmas”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

“Hope, Strength and Love”

Elizabeth Tomboulion

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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)**

Gracious God, you offer us connection to your Realm through the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus. We ask you to accept our tithes, offerings and gifts as signs and symbols of our desire to live more fully in your Kingdom. Help us use all that has been offered this day to claim the treasure, grateful for the life you desire for each of us and for all of us. Amen!

***Song of Praise**

“Hymn of Promise”

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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.**

Blessing

Postlude

“Reprise of Hymn of Promise”

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