

Greeting

Laurie White

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

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Welcome to the Family Reunion!

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Patrice Robinson

“I Love to Tell the Story (Eaton Square)”

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*Let's Party!

L: Mail out the invitations, blow up the balloons.

P: It's time for a family reunion!

L: Cousins and grandparents, sisters and brothers—hugs of joy for all.

P: It's time for a family reunion!

L: Memories, stories, feasts, shared experiences.

P: It's time for a family reunion!

L: Look around you and know that we have come to celebrate.

P: When the family of God gathers, it's party time!

*Hymn of Praise

“We Gather Together”

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**We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name,
he forgets not his own.**

**Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side,
all glory be thine!**

We all do extol thee,

**thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still
our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation
escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!**

***Affirmation of Faith “Reaching for Rainbows”**

by Ann Weems

**We believe in God, in Jesus Christ,
in the Holy Spirit, and in you and in me.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit has freed us
to worship as a community.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit works through
balloons and ministers
daisies and wiggly children
clanging cymbals and silence
drama and the unexpected
choirs and banners
hugging and praying
spontaneity and planning
faith and doubt
tears and laughter
leading and supporting
dancing and stillness
creativity and giving
words and listening
holding and letting go
thank you and help me
Scripture and alleluias
agonizing and celebrating
accepting and caring
through you and through me
through love.**

**We believe in responding
to God’s grace and love and justice
for all people.**

We believe in the Kingdom of God within us.

We believe in love.

***Gloria, Gloria**

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Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, Alleluia! Alleluia! (*sing 3 times*)

A Season of Prayer

Choral Call to Prayer “All I Need Is You”

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All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is you.
You are the source of all I need
All I need is you!

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

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!

Congregational Response to Prayer

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All I need is you!

Anthem

“As We Break the Bread”

Chancel Choir

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Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

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

“Family Dinner”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

1 John 3:16-18

Song During Offering

“Evidence”

Patrice Robinson

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

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him all creatures here below!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Our hearts are overflowing with your love, O God: like the rains that shower down upon your creation. Guide us now, as we share with others the abundance of our joy. We pray that you will give us the vision to use our blessings to offer hope to others. In Christ's name we pray and act. Amen.

Holy Communion

“Come Share the Lord”

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Choir, Congregation

**He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
The one we love the most is now our gracious host
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord**

**We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
Though unseen he meets us here
In the breaking of the bread.**

Spoken: Sharon – Prayer of Consecration

Communion

Song During Communion “Let Us Break Bread Together”

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Communion Response

**We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait;
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.**

***Song of Praise** **“They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love”**
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**We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored:**

Chorus

**And they’ll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love;
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians
By our love.**

**We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand,
And together we’ll spread the news
That God is in our land: *(chorus)***

**We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
And we’ll guard human dignity
And save human pride: *(chorus)***

**All praise to the Father,
From whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus,
God’s only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit,
Who makes us one: *(chorus)***

***Sending Forth with Blessing**

***Music for Going Forth** **“They’ll Know We Are Christians”**

Patrice Robinson

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