

Welcome and Announcements

Rick Schlee

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

P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts “Nearer My God to Thee”

Kristie Janczyk

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*Call to Worship

L: As one body of Christ,

P: we gather together this day.

L: Blessed by one Spirit,

P: we gather in unity and love.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Speak truth to us this day, O God. Speak truth to the most inward parts of our hearts and minds, that we might speak your truth in love and that you might speak your truth through us each and every day. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Song of Praise

“What Gift Can We Bring”

UMH 87

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What gift can we bring, what present what token?

What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,

What song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,

Who planted and watered so dreams could come true.

Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,

For mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,

For knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,

The Word is our promise always, forever;

We rest in God’s keeping and live in God’s love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,

These words can convey it, the joy of this day!

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,

This song we now offer in honor and praise!

A Season of Prayer

Prayer Song “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

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Verse 1

Sung

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**

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.**

Prayer Song “In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

TFWS 2195

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**In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near!**

Anthem

“Blessing after Blessing”

Chancel Choir

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-28

L: Word of God, Word of Life!

P: Thanks be to God!

Song of Preparation

“Lead Me, Lord”

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Psalms 5:8, 4:8 ~ Public Domain

**Lead me, Lord. Lead me in thy righteousness.
May thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only
Who makest me dwell in safety.**

We Share our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Song During Offering “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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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)**

God of all people. We come this day to bring our tithes and offerings before you. We give them with the prayer that these gifts will truly bless others. We bring them not looking out for our own interests, but for others. Multiply and use these gifts that all your children may know the confidence and peace which comes through your abiding love. Amen.

***Hymn of Commitment**

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

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**A charge to keep I have,
a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save,
and fit it for the sky.**

**To serve the present age,
my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage
to do my Master's will!**

**Arm me with jealous care,
as in thy sight to live,
and oh, thy servant, Lord,
prepare a strict account to give!**

**Help me to watch and pray,
and on thyself rely,
assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die.**

***Blessing**

***Music for Going Forth**

“Grateful”

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