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Whether you are joining us in person or on-line, know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow Jesus Christ.

Prelude Build Your Kingdom Here

Remembering our Baptism Deb Brastrom

***Call to Worship**

Come rejoice, all you who love and serve the Lord!
Sing songs and hymns of praise;
celebrate together in God's presence!

**For the word of the Lord holds true forever,
and everything he does is worthy of our trust.**

Let all the earth stand in awe of our God,
for he spoke, and the world came into being;
he breathed, and the heavens were born.

**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
whose people are known by his name.
Let your unfailing love surround us, O God,
for our hope is in you alone.**

***Song My Jesus**

We don't begin our story as a nation. We begin it as people found by grace; set on a journey we never walk alone.

This is My Father's World UMH 144

Lesson 1: Zechariah 9:9-12 CEB

The God of our faith has always led us through wilderness - not to conquer, but to learn to trust. We are a pilgrim people, not a settled empire.

America the Beautiful UMH 696

Word for Children

Our children turn to us to know the path of discipleship. Which can be both a gift and a fearsome responsibility. Through the ages people of goodwill seek to create safe spaces for all God's children.

This Land Is Your Land American Folk Song

Lesson 2: Luke 12:22-34 CEB

The full story of faith in this country is not a triumph march. It is faith forged in fire. And it is that faith - not pride - that moves us toward mercy.

Lift Every Voice and Sing UMH 519

Prayers of the People

Together, let us pray for
the people of this congregation...
for those who are suffering...
for those who don't know where their next meal will come from and those who are looking for shelter...
for our troops, police, EMTs, firefighters,
and others in harm's way...
for the earth you have given to our care...
for the world, it's people and it's leaders...
for the Church universal; its leaders, its members, and mission...
for peace and goodwill to all...
for the communion of saints.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Mission and Ministry Moment

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Special Music

Life Song

***Doxology**

**Blessed be God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be His kingdom now and forever. Amen, Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song

Shout to the North

Closing Prayer Bishop Deon K Johnson, Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

**O God, let my life sing.
Let my life sing the songs of freedom
until all your people shall be free.
Let my life sing the songs of justice
until all your people reach liberty.
Let my life sing the songs of hope
until all your people are unafraid.
Tune my life to your rhythms and let my life sing.
All for the sake of your Love. Amen.**

Bishop Johnson reminds us that our song is not for us alone. Our song is for the One who holds all nations.

This is My Song

UMH 437

***Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,**

and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.
Amen.

Postlude

For the Good