

***Sending Song**

Blest are They

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.*

Refrain:

*Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!*

*Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill. (Refrain)*

*Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God. (Refrain)*

*Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs. (Refrain)*

*Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see. (Refrain)*

*Blessing

Postlude



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?

***Gathering Song**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large, the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden. Forgive our doubt and our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. Amen.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri **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.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 See Insert

Anthem

Scripture. Luke 13:31-35 See Insert

Message

**Responding Song*

Touch the Sky

*What fortune lies beyond the stars
Those dazzling heights too vast to climb
I got so high to fall so far
But I found heaven as love swept low*

*Refrain: My heart beating, my soul breathing
I found my life when I laid it down
Upward falling, spirit soaring
I touch the sky when my knees hit the ground*

*What treasure waits within Your scars
This gift of freedom gold can't buy
I bought the world and sold my heart
You traded heaven to have me again (Refrain)*

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Receiving our Offering

*Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication