

†* Call to Worship

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

All: Great is your Name! Great is your love!

One: For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

All: Great is your name! Great is your love!

One: For you the rulers of the earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

All: Great is your name! Great is your love!

One: Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

All: Great is your name! Great is your love!

†*Hymn *“For the Fruit of All Creation”* **GTG #36**

†**Prayer of Confession:** (Praying first in silent confession)

One: Trusting that God will give us what we need to be
faithful and will forgive us when we fail, let us pray.

All: Almighty God,

**We confess our need to control our lives,
as if we cannot trust you to care for us.**

**Though you have named us your beloved children,
we try to make our own name for ourselves.**

**We strive for status and power;
we crave money, possessions, and attention.
We envy instead of celebrating
the successes of others.
We forget that your grace alone
is sufficient for our need.**

**Forgive us, loving God.
Give us such security in your care
that we need not seek it anywhere else.
Free us to be joyful, generous, and loving,
choosing not to be served, but to serve,
as did the One we follow, Jesus Christ.**

†Words of Assurance

One: God does not give up on wayward disciples.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven,
given new direction for our living
and loved into a new way of being.**

†*Joyful Response “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!” GTG #591

***“Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!”***

†*The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

You are invited to greet those around you with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.

Children's Message

Sung Prayer for Illumination

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

GTG #452

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you; I want to see you;

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you; I want to see you;

to see you high and lifted up,

shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love

as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

† **Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 1.24-31

Special Music *"When Peace Like a River"* by Bliss/Grotenhuis

†Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 4.7-11

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

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†*Hymn “*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*” **GTG #24**

†*Affirmation of Faith

We are the people of God.

We are a sign of the New World.

We are the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

We believe in God.

**We believe in the goodness of God,
the presence of God in human history,
and the nearness of God’s love.**

We believe in Christ.

**We believe that God was and is revealed in human life,
that out of human suffering
may come rescue and healing,
that out of death comes new life.**

**We believe in the Eternal Spirit,
who moves among God’s people
and invites the world into God’s reign.**

**We believe that the world can change,
that peace and wholeness can come,
and that the New World can arrive.**

We are the people of God.

We are the sign of the New World.

We are the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

(Prayer requests can be made on the prayer cards found in the bulletin and picked up during Children's Message).

†Invitation to Prayer (Let us sing together)

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

GTG #469

*“Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place,
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love,
send us pow’r, send us grace!”*

†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 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.**

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Flute and Piano Duet

†*Response *"God, We Honor You"* **GTG #709**

*"God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God, we worship and adore you.*

*Take what we bring, offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen."

†*Unison Offertory Prayer

**Lord God, you have entrusted us
with the works of your own hands.**

**Now we return these gifts to you
with thanksgiving and praise.**

**Use them all for your glory
and for the good of your world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

†*Hymn *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"* **GTG #700**

***Blessing and Sending**

***Response** *"Lord Be Glorified"* *by Bob Kilpatrick*

Postlude *Flute and Piano Duet*

You are invited to remain seated to enjoy the Postlude

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*The flowers today are given
to the glory of God by
Lynn Bahta, in memory
of her mother,
Edith Krueger*

Guest Flutist ~ Kathy Fairbanks