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**Indicates places to stand if able to.*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

For the beauty of the summer day,

And the comfort of friends nearby;

For the invitation to love and be loved,

For our God who extends that call;

For time set apart to nourish the soul,

For time to go out into the world armed with love:

For all these things we give thanks. Let us worship God.

(by permission Beth Merrill Neel)

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ. Amen

***HYMN OF GATHERING**

(see insert)

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word and deed; we have not loved you with our whole hearts and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone. You, O God, are full of compassion and grace, slow to

anger and abounding in steadfast love. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide in us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

In Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***A Gloria**

From all that dwells below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung,

Let God the Spirit loose each tongue!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS

(see insert)

SERMON

HYMN

PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever Amen.

Prayer Response

***DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. (sung to the tune of Old 100th)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

With gratitude for all that you provide, dear God, and to the service of the world you love so much, we dedicate these gifts and our lives to you, in Jesus name. Amen

COMMUNION

(1st Sunday of the Month)

***CLOSING HYMN**

(see insert)

***BENEDICTION**

Response (To the tune of Edelweiss)

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever, grant you peace, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor; lift up your eyes and then see his face, and his grace forever; May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

POSTLUDE

(Please remain seated for the Postlude)

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