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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.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, we thank you that you receive us not according to our failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. And now you come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile us to yourself.

Sweep over us with your Spirit and change us by your love, so that we may sing with joy before you, and live to your glory. Amen.

***HYMN OF GATHERING**

(see insert)

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and gracious God, At times we feel so frail and fragile, blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray to know you as our center, and to cling

to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow ever more into Christ's likeness, that we may bear his love and truth to the world.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Friends, hear the good news: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the good news.

In Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

***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

(see insert)

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**

Sung Response

(from Hymn #82 Black Hymnal)

Go my children with my blessing, never alone; waking sleeping I am with you, you are my own; In my loves baptismal river, I have made you mine forever, Go, my children with my blessing, you are my own.

POSTLUDE

(Please remain seated for the Postlude)

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