

PRELUDE

His Eye Is On the Sparrow
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Arranged by Mark Hayes-
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WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP
From Psalm 16

*Come, bless the Lord,
in whom we find our refuge and safety.*
***You are our God;
all the good things come from You
alone.***

*Come, bless the Lord,
who gives us a rich inheritance,
and surrounds us with abundance.*

***You are our God;
our lives are in your hands.***

*Come, bless the Lord,
who guides us on the path to eternal
life,
whose presence strengthens and
sustains us.*

***You are our God;
we will not be shaken.***
Let's worship God together!

OPENING SONG
We Are Singing
FWS 2235

A TIME OF PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:1-8

*As he came out of the temple, one of his
disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher,
what large stones and what large
buildings!"² Then Jesus asked him,
"Do you see these great buildings? Not
one stone will be left here upon
another; all will be thrown down."³
³ When he was sitting on the Mount of
Olives opposite the temple, Peter,
James, John, and Andrew asked him
privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be,
and what will be the sign that all these
things are about to be
accomplished?"⁵ Then Jesus began to
say to them, "Beware that no one leads
you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my
name and say, 'I am he!' and they will
lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of
wars and rumors of wars, do not be
alarmed; this must take place, but the
end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will
rise against nation and kingdom
against kingdom; there will be
earthquakes in various places; there
will be famines. This is but the
beginning of the birth pangs.*

THE MESSAGE
Birth Pangs

CELEBRATING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*The Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and
praise.***

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
Always and everywhere to give thanks
to you . . . And so, with your people on
earth, and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:*

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might.***

***Heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes***

In the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

*Holy are you, and blessed is your Son,
Jesus Christ As we proclaim the
mystery of faith:*

Christ has died; Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

*Pour out your Holy Spirit ...All honor
and glory is yours, almighty God, now
and forever.*

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING SONG
Marching to Zion
UMH 733, Verses 1, 3 and 4

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Standing On the Promises

by R. Kelso Carter

Arranged by Darrell V Archer
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We Are Singing

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(20th cent.); adapt. by Hal H. Hopson

Marching to Zion

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707; refrain by Robert
Lowry, 1867; Music: Robert Lowry, 1867

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WELCOME TO ALL

Who hope for a better world
& all who have lost hope:

Believers and seekers
Conventional Christians & questioning
skeptics

Women, men, youth and children

Of all sexual orientations & gender
identities

Of all races and cultures,

Of all income levels

Of all social classes

Of all physical & mental abilities.

COME AS YOU ARE . . .

YOU ARE WELCOME!

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*Service of Worship with
Holy Communion*

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