

PRELUDE

Ich glaub an Gott
(To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King)
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WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalm 37:3-7 (adapted)

*Trust in the LORD and do good; live in
the land and enjoy security.*

***Take delight in the LORD, and God
will give you the desires of your heart.***

*Commit your way to and trust in the
LORD; and God will act, making
your vindication shine like the light and
the justice of your cause like the
noonday.*

***Be still before the LORD, and wait
patiently; do not fret over those who
prosper in their way or over those who
carry out evil devices.***

For God is our refuge and strength.

OPENING SONG

Morning Has Broken
UMH 145

A TIME OF PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6: 27-38

*"But I say to you who are listening:
Love your enemies; do good to those
who hate you; bless those who curse
you; pray for those who mistreat you.*

*If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer
the other also, and from anyone who
takes away your coat do not withhold
even your shirt.*

*Give to everyone who ask of you, and if
anyone takes away what is yours, do
not ask for it back again. Do to others
as you would have them do to you.*

*"If you love those who love you, what
credit is that to you? For even sinners
love those who love them. If you do
good to those who do good to you, what
credit is that to you? For even sinners
do the same. If you lend to those from
whom you expect to receive payment,
what credit is that to you? Even sinners
lend to sinners, to receive as much
again.*

*Instead, love your enemies, do good,
and lend, expecting nothing in return.
Your reward will be great, and you will
be children of the Most High, for he
himself is kind to the ungrateful and the
wicked. Be merciful, just as your
Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and
you will not be judged; do not
condemn, and you will not be
condemned. Forgive, and you will be
forgiven; give, and it will be given to
you. A good measure, pressed down,
shaken together, running over, will be
put into your lap, for the measure you
give will be the measure you get back."*

THE MESSAGE

Measure for Measure

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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
UMH 671

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Hyfrydol

(Love Divine, All Loves Excelling)

Music by Rowland Hugh Prichard,
written in 1830

Text by Charles Wesley;

Setting by Bob Moore,

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Music: Trad. Gaelic melody; harm. by Carlton R.
Young, 1988

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Words: Attr. to John Fawcett, 1773;

Music: *The European Magazine and Review*, 1792;
harm. from *The Methodist Hymn and Tune Book*,
1889, alt.

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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.

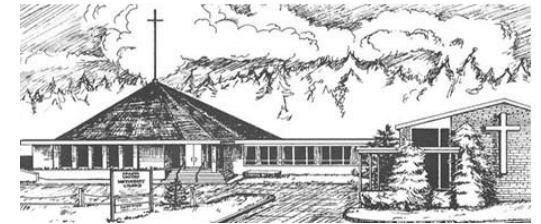
COME AS YOU ARE . . .

YOU ARE WELCOME!

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*Service of Worship with
Holy Communion*

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8:45 AM