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Please join in speaking/singing **bolded** text

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS**

**\*Opening Words**

Small as a mustard seed and lofty as cedar:

**The kingdom of God is growing.**

While we sleep and rise night and day:

**The kingdom of God is growing.**

The low are brought high; the high are brought low:

**The kingdom of God is growing,  
its large branches are home to all kinds of people!**

**\*Opening Hymn #41 (SH)**  
**“Build Your Kingdom Here”**

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Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again.  
Increase in us, we pray.  
Unveil why wer’e made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,  
Like wildfire in our very souls;  
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.  
We are Your church; We need Your pow’r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first.  
We hunger and we thirst;  
Refuse to waste our lives,  
For You’re our joy and prize.  
To see the captives’ hearts released;  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.  
We lay down our lives for heaven’s cause.  
We are Your church; We pray revive this earth.

(Chorus)

Build Your kingdom here.  
Let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire.  
Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere.  
Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Unleash Your kingdom’s pow’r,  
Reaching the near and far.  
No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.  
You made for much more than this;  
Awake the kingdom seed in us.  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.  
We are Your church; We are the hope on earth.

(Chorus)

Build Your kingdom here.  
Let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire.

Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere.  
Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

(Chorus)

Build Your kingdom here.  
Let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire.  
Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere.  
Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

### **Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we remember with gratitude those people  
who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives.

*Pause for a time of reflection*

Above all, we recognize how you have blessed our lives  
with the gift of the Holy Spirit  
so that our faith has miraculously and mysteriously grown.

We confess the times we fail to involve ourselves  
in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others;  
the times when our personal agendas become more important than yours;  
the times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith  
through our lack of interest or involvement;  
the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world  
that we forget what you have said and done and promised.

Lord Jesus Christ, we know that when we become disconnected from you,  
our lives becomes parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted and dry.

Bless and renew our lives, we pray,  
so that we remain connected to you at all times and in all places,  
strengthening our faith to expand and, growing strongly and vigorously,  
to bear the fruit of your mercy, your love, your undying life. Amen.

### **Hymn #462 (GG)**

#### **“I Love to Tell the Story”**

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I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory,  
Of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
Because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

(Refrain)

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old,  
Old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story;  
'tis please to repeat what seems,  
Each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
For some have never heard the message of salvation  
From God's own holy Word.

(Refrain)

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old,  
Old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story,  
For those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting  
To hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song 'twill be the old,  
old story that I have loved so long.

(Refrain)

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old,  
Old story of Jesus and his love.

## **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

### **Children's Message**

#### **Prayer Response #701 (GG)**

##### **"Sanctuary"**

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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.  
(repeat)

**Scripture Lesson**

Mark 4:26-34

**Message**

“Kingdom Seeds”

Rev. Leanne B. Thompson

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Lord our God, hear our prayers of intercession, spoken and unspoken.

We pray for peace.

(silence)

Eternal God, you sent us a Savior, Jesus Christ,  
to break down the walls of hostility that divide us.

Send peace to the places where greed, pride, and anger  
turn nation against nation, race against race, church against church.

We pray for the leaders of the church and the nations.

(silence)

Mighty God, sovereign over all,  
give the leaders of the church and the leaders of the nations  
the vision of your kingdom, that they may lead us with justice and goodwill.

We pray for the earth, God's creation.

(silence)

God of creation, you made all things in your wisdom and love.

Grant us all a reverence for the earth t  
hat we may use its resources rightly in the service of others  
and to your honor and glory.

We pray for those who are in pain in body, mind, and spirit.

(silence)

Merciful God, you bear the pain of the world.

Look with compassion on those who are sick.

Stand with those who are in sorrow.

Show them hope by your Word; bring healing as a sign of your grace.

Let us pray for friends and families.

(silence)

God of love, bless us and those we love,  
our friends and our families,  
so that by drawing close to you we may be drawn closer to each other.

All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who died for us and rose for us,  
who reminds us of your saving grace.

With confidence in your loving care for us,  
we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us, singing:  
**Our Father, in heaven, holy is your name.**  
**Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us today, our daily bread;**  
**forgive our sins and turn us from temptation.**  
**The kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.**  
**Amen, amen, amen.**

### **Hymn of Preparation #146 (SH)**

#### **“10,000 Reasons”**

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(Chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, o my soul;  
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, o my soul;  
I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing.  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, o my soul;  
I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come,  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore.

(Chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, o my soul;  
I'll worship Your holy name.  
Bless the worship Your holy name,  
Worship Your holy name,  
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

### **Invitation to the Offering**

God has provided us with all that we need.  
It is our privilege to give back to God.  
Let us return a portion of what God has so freely given to us.  
Let us now humbly bring our gifts to the Lord.

### **Offering Prayer**

May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds,  
planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly  
so that God's way may be realized anew in this world.  
Grant us the humility we need to plant and then tend your precious garden. **Amen.**

### **Celebration of Holy Communion**

#### **Invitation to the Table**

Jesus calls all people to sit at the table with him:  
the sick and the uncertain,  
the weak and the poor,  
the Pharisees and tax collectors.  
From north and south and east and west  
he calls us to come and feast at this table,  
the foretaste of the kingdom of God.

On a night long ago, when Jesus sat at a table with his disciples,  
they thought they were the hosts and he was the guest.  
But then he broke the bread,  
and their eyes were opened  
and they recognized him.  
The guest became the host.  
To this table he calls us again.

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

God of fresh bread and new wine,  
we sense your presence among us  
in grace-filled moments of sharing,  
in carefully created communities of loving solidarity,  
in holy times of birthing new life amid all the suffering.

We delight in the moving of your steadfast Spirit  
demanding that we find water for the thirsty,  
demanding that we prepare meals for all who hunger,  
and encouraging us to welcome all in our midst.

As we share this meal  
may we be nourished by the dangerous memory  
of Jesus and his friends,  
who dared to feed those no one else would feed,  
who included the 'sinners' that society shunned and oppressed,  
who drew healing energy out of people past hope of healing,  
who heard the cries of people dried up and desperate,  
and nourished them with living water,  
and life-giving bread.

### **Words of Intinction**

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest,  
took bread, and after giving thanks to God,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

### **Communion of the People**

*Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Family of Faith,  
You are invited to come forward to receive Communion.  
There will be a station up front on either side where a gloved/masked server will  
hand you a piece of bread, and then you may take a cup of juice from the tray and  
return to your seat by the side aisle. If you are not comfortable coming forward, we  
will serve you where you are seated.*

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
Come, for all is prepared.

### **Prayer After Communion**

Loving God, you have given us a share  
in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ.  
Help us to follow your way, and to bring your love and joy to all the world.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

### **Closing Hymn #112 (SH)**

#### **“Lord Reign In Me”**

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Over all the earth, You reign on high,  
Ev’ry mountains stream, ev’ry sunset sky.  
But my one request,  
Lord, my only aim is that You’d reign in me again.

(Chorus)

Lord, reign in me, reign in You pow’r;  
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.  
You are the Lord of all I am,  
So won’t You reign in me again.

Over ev’ry thought, over ev’ry word,  
May my life reflect the beauty of the Lord;  
‘Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing.  
So won’t Yu reign in me again.

(Chorus)

Lord, reign in me, reign in You pow'r;  
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.  
You are the Lord of all I am,  
So won't You reign in me again.  
Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r,  
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.  
You are the Lord of all I am,  
So won't You reign in me again,  
Won't You reign in me again,  
Won't You reign in me again.

**Charge**

Our Lord Jesus says that whoever does the will of God is his kindred.  
Go now and serve others as Jesus did.

May the steadfast love of God give you hope,  
the redeeming power of Christ give you courage,  
the abiding presence of the Spirit give you strength,  
as you serve the will of God this day and every day. Amen.

**Benediction**

**“The Blessing”**

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The Lord bless you and keep you,  
Make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.  
(repeat)

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
Make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

**POSTLUDE**