#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

BAND PRELUDE

**ORGAN PRELUDE** 

CALL TO WORSHIP: SELECTED VERSES FROM PSALM 107

Introit

"Gather Us In"

(Marty Haugin)

(If you know the song, sing along, or simply listen and reflect as we are gathered in from wherever we are in our lives.)

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreaming, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and the forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame.
Call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in the proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

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LITURGY: RECONCILIATION

(Standing)

TUNE: LANCASHIRE (151 M)

With joyfulness and longing we look to you, O Lord; Receive us in your mercy, and cheer us with your word. Crown us with love enduring and promises of grace, And let your holy blessing remain within this place.

The years have all been crowded with tokens of your love; And many who have sought you now worship you above. But we, O Lord, still need you our pilgrim feet to stay, For evil often triumphs as faith to fear gives way.

Almighty God, enthroned above all, you alone are God over the nations of the earth. Even the planets, the stars, and the galaxies are placed by your hand.

Where could we go from your Spirit? Where could we flee from your presence? If we go up to the heavens, you are there; if we go down into the caves of the earth or the depths of the sea, you are there.

God of all creation, we sing praises to your name; we stand jubilant before your glory, power, and beauty.

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I am a God nearby, says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? I am the Lord your God. I have called you out from the peoples and you shall be holy to me.

We declare your praise, the One who called us out of darkness into your wonderful light. We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to you.

TUNE: MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation, The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation; With healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills. To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, An ever-present help and stay, our peace, and joy, and blessing, As with a mother's tender hand, He leads his own, his chosen band. To God all praise and glory!

(Kneeling or sitting)

Gracious God, we humbly confess that we walk in the way of the indifferent, who depend on their strength alone. We sit among the scornful, who deny the need for your guidance and power. Our hearts are not satisfied with riches vulnerable to moth and rust and thief, yet we zealously store up those very treasures. Set our minds on things unseen and eternal, that our emptiness within may be filled. We humbly confess that we fail to welcome the stranger among us. We pass by the neighbor who is hungry and thirsty, naked, sick, and in prison. We sing of your healing power and your unconditional love, but we fail to make our sanctuaries true havens for the suffering and the exiled. Give us the will to be ambassadors for our Savior and faithful stewards of the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us.

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Amen.

Without Christ we were strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus we who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. He is our peace.

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Therefore, let us affirm our faith in the Triune God.

(Standing)

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TUNE: EASTHAM

(Gordon Young)

MBW #328

O then what raptured greetings on Canaan's happy shore; What knitting severed friendships up, where partings are no more! Then eyes with joy shall sparkle that brimmed with tears of late, Orphans no longer fatherless, nor widows desolate.

Bring near your great salvation, O Lamb for sinners slain; Fill up the roll of your elect, then take your power, and reign! Appear, Desire of nations, your exiles long for home; Show in the heaven your promised sign; great Prince and Savior, come. Amen.

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

MISSION MOMENT

**DOXOLOGY** 

A TIME OF PRAYER BASED ON EPHESIANS 2:1-10

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ANTHEM "He Was Crucified"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing!
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And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on!

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### HYMN

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SERMON

PRAYER

HYMN God Sent His Son MBW #706

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus, he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because he lives I can face tomorrow, because he lives all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

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2024 WATCHWORD FOR NEW PHILADELPHIA ~ Glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.

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#### A TIME OF PRAISE

#### **Dance With Me**

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Behold you have come over the hills, up on the mountain. To me you have run my beloved, you've captured my heart.

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#### **How Deep The Father's Love**

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away, As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.

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My sin upon His shoulders.
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Call out among the scoffers.
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Until it was accomplished.
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