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We Gather Together

Prelude

Andrew Sims

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Come All Ye People

MV 2

Call to Worship

For this new day to worship,

We are thankful.

May we hear God calling and respond with Samuel,
Here I am!

Opening Prayer

May our hearts be open to the newness you offer today, God of grace. May our minds be open to new thoughts that challenge us. May our lives be open to respond to your call to love one another. May we find you today, as you always find us. And may we respond, "Here I am, Lord!" Amen.

*Opening Hymn

I Have Called You ... vss 1, 2, 4

MV 161

Children's Time/Hymn

Lord, Listen to Your Children

VU 400

We Listen for God's Ongoing Word

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Anthem

Reflection

"Here I Am! ... Maybe?"

Offering Our Gifts

Grant Us Grace

VU 540

We Share In Communion

*Hymn of Invitation

Bread of Life

MV 194

The Great Thanksgiving

(Celebrate God's Presence, 246)

(Please refer to MV #203-205 for musical responses)

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to be thankful!

Blessed are you, gracious God,

Creator of light, Giver of life in all its diversity, Source of love.

You breathe life into us

and set us among all your creatures

in a covenant of love and service.

Even when we turn away from you,

you offer us life.

You send your prophets to proclaim your justice,

to remind us of your promise of peace,

and to call us back to you from the ends of the earth

in constant forgiveness

as one body with many gifts.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit,

We give thanks for Jesus,

for your love revealed in him.

We give thanks that he shows us the Way,

feeds the hungry and sets the captive free.

So it is that we join the song of all creation

to proclaim your goodness:

Musical Response

MV 203

O Holy, Holy, Holy God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.

And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

Blessing the Bread and the Cup

... and so, loving God, we share in this bread and this cup today to remember Jesus, to hear his call to be his hands and feet in this world.

Musical Response

MV 204

***Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!***

Prayer for Transformation

... May these gifts be for us the body and love of the Christ
that we may be his love and light in the world.
By your grace we pray, O God.

Musical Response

MV 205

***Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen!***

The Lord's Prayer

VU 914

Sharing in Communion

All are welcome to share in Communion. Please come forward down the centre aisle to a serving station as you are able. Receive the piece of bread and dip it in the cup, then return to your seat by the outside aisle. Gluten free elements are in the centre station. If you wish to be served in your seat, a server will come to you.

Prayer after Receiving

**Eternal God, here we have tasted your goodness
and received the fullness of your grace.
Send us forth in faith, in hope, and in love,
as renewed and renewing followers of Christ. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

Here I Am

VU 509

*Musical Benediction

Prayer of Dedication

*Postlude

Andrew Sims

**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*