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-SPECIAL MUSIC-

"The Rose"

Timmy Smallwood

-WELCOME-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Show Us How to Love"

HEARTS OPEN, MINDS AWAKE,
CHANGE US NOW FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE.
LEAVE US NOT ALONE IN HATRED'S WAKE.

SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.
SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.
SHOW US HOW, SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.

-DEVOTIONAL-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Show Us How to Love"

EYES OPENED, SHOCKED AWAKE,
MUCH TO LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES,
DRAW US CLOSER IN OUR HEARTACHE.

SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.
SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.
SHOW US HOW, SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.

-PRAYER-

-CALL TO WORSHIP-

We have often looked for love,
for acceptance, and security,
in formulas that will assure success
at the expense of staying tuned to the Spirit's nudge.
WE YEARN FOR LIVES THAT MATTER,
WE DESIRE RELATIONSHIPS THAT THRIVE,
WE WANT LESS REGRET.

So, God. We pray these words together.
WE OPEN OUR HEARTS, OUR MINDS,
OUR SOULS, OUR VISION
TO THE WAYS OF LOVE CREATED BY YOU,
EMBODIED IN JESUS,
AND ALREADY MOVING IN US BY THE SPIRIT.
WE ARE FORGIVEN, LOVED, AND FREED!
AMEN!

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

COME, O FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING;
TUNE OUR HEARTS TO SING YOUR GRACE;
STREAMS OF MERCY, NEVER CEASING,
CALL FOR SONGS OF LOUDEST PRAISE.
TEACH US SOME MELODIOUS SONNET,
SUNG BY FLAMING TONGUES ABOVE;
PRAISE THE MOUNT! WE'RE FIXED UPON IT,
MOUNT OF GOD'S UNCHANGING LOVE!

HERE WE RAISE OUR HEARTS UP TO YOU;
IT IS BY YOUR HELP WE'VE COME;
YOU PROVIDE A LOVE WE FIND TRUE
AND THAT LOVE WILL BRING US HOME.
YOUR LOVE SOUGHT US WHEN A STRANGER,
WANDERING FROM YOUR LOVING FOLD;
EVEN IN A WORLD OF DANGER,
WE WOULD STILL YOUR LOVE BEHOLD.

COME, O FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING;
MAY OUR SINGING NEVER CEASE.
MAY WE ALWAYS LIFT OUR VOICES
SINGING MELODIES OF PEACE.
DRAW US EVER NEARER TO YOU
SO WE'LL KNOW WHERE 'ER IT'S OF.
MAY OUR SONG BE EVERMORE TRUE,
MAY IT BE BE OF YOUR GREAT LOVE.

-SCRIPTURE-

John 3: 1-17 (NRSV)

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

-THE MESSAGE-

"The Helpers"

Kenny Bishop

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"As We Gather At Your Table"

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE,
AS WE LISTEN TO YOUR WORD,
HELP US KNOW, O GOD, YOUR PRESENCE;
LET OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE STIRRED.
NOURISH US WITH SACRED STORY
TILL WE CLAIM IT AS YOUR OWN;
TEACH US THROUGH THIS HOLY BANQUET
HOW TO MAKE LOVE'S VICTORY KNOWN.

-COMMUNION-

"As We Gather At Your Table"

Brenda Gardiner

-OFFERING-

"On Eagles' Wings" – M. Joncas

Brenda Gardiner

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!
THE SPIRIT'S CALL OBEY;
SHOW FORTH THE GLORY OF YOUR GOD
WHICH SHINES ON YOU TODAY.

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!
FLING WIDE THE PRISON DOOR;
PROCLAIM THE CAPTIVE'S LIBERTY,
GOOD TIDINGS TO THE POOR.

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!
ALL YOU IN SORROW BORN,
BIND UP THE BROKEN-HEARTED ONES
AND COMFORT THOSE WHO MOURN.

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!
THE MOUNTAINS BURST IN SONG!
RISE UP LIKE ANGELS ON THE WING;
GOD'S POWER WILL MAKE US STRONG.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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