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Self-Control

Prelude

Welcome & Sharing the Life of the Church

Prayer of Invitation

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Risen Christ is with us.

People: Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Praise: "For the Beauty of the Earth" p.92

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love
which from our birth
over and around us lies;
(Refrain)**

**2. For the beauty
of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and
tree and flower,
sun and moon, and
stars of light;
[Refrain]**

**3. For the joy of
ear and eye,
for the heart
and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense
to sound and sight;
[Refrain]**

**4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister,
parent, child,
friends on earth and
friends above,
for all gentle thoughts
and mild;
[Refrain]**

**5. For thy church,
that evermore
lifteth holy hands above
offering up on
every shore
her pure sacrifice of love;
[Refrain]**

**6. For thyself,
best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great
love of thine,
peace on earth,
and joy in heaven:
[Refrain]**

Refrain
**Lord of all,
to thee we raise
this our hymn
of grateful praise.**

Prayer of the Congregation

We have failed as your church, O God. You call us to live faithfully, act justly and bring peace to the earth. Instead, our lives and your church reflect more of our needs and worries and less of the needs and worries of all peoples. Move us beyond ourselves to hear the cry of the world and to respond with acts and deeds of kindness, mercy and justice. May your grace shine through a church that, even with its shortcomings, accepts the call of Christ to serve and care and love and bring peace. May we feel your forgiving spirit now. Amen.

Words of Assurance

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. In our forgiveness, may we blossom fully with purpose and resolve, so that the world will know us by our love.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

May God's Peace Be With You

And Also with you.

Concerns & Celebrations & Lord's Prayer

Young Disciples' Time

Tithes & Offerings/ Offertory/ *Doxology*

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Written Word

Galatians 5:22-23 ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Matthew 5:29-30

²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

Spoken Word – Self-Control

Hymn of Preparation: “Fill My Cup, Lord” p.641

WORDS: Richard Blanchard, 1959 (Jn. 4:5-15; 6:35) // © 1959 by Richard Blanchard, assigned to Sacred Songs © 1964 Sacred Songs

**Fill my cup Lord,
I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench
this thirsting of my soul.**

**Bread of heaven,
feed me till I
want no more;
fill my cup,
fill it up
and make me whole.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn of Commitment: “When We Are Living” p.356

WORDS: St. 1, anon., trans. by Elise S. Eslinger, 1983; sts. 2, 3, 4

Roberto Escamilla, 1983, trans. by George Lockwood, 1987 (Rom. 14:8) // Trans. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

**1. When we are living,
it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying,
it is in the Lord.**

**Both in our living
and in our dying,
[Refrain]**

**2. Through all our living,
we our fruits must give.
Good works of service
are for offering.
When we are giving,
or when receiving,
[Refrain]**

**3. 'Mid times of sorrow
and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty
or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer,
or sing rejoicing,
[Refrain]**

**4. Across this wide world,
we shall always find
those who are crying
with no peace of mind,
but when we help them,
or when we feed them,
[Refrain]**

Refrain:

**we belong to God,
we belong to God.**

Benediction