

**PRESBYTERY STAFF-LED WORSHIP
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Barbara Chalfant and Amy Robinson

One: We serve the Creator,

Many: who loves us into life.

One: We follow Christ,

Many: who loves us unto death.

One: We listen for the Spirit,

Many: who loves us into transformation.

One: We worship God,

Many: whose love knows no bounds.

HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Mark Miller

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

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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

4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

5 For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
Agent of God’s great design, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ed Thompson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nellie Howard

Holy God, we have heard your command to love you, to love our neighbor, and to love ourselves, yet we fall into patterns of shallow devotion, false kindness, and self-doubt. We have heard your call to do justice, to love kindness, to walk humbly with you, yet we’re drawn to safety, not justice; apathy, not kindness; pacing, not walking. Hear our prayers, O God. Forgive us for what we have done and for what we have left undone. Hear our prayers, O God, and move us to deeper trust and more faithful action. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ed Thompson

One: Hear the good news:
Christ is merciful to all who turn to him in repentance.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Many: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rocky Poole

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37

Maureen Wright

CHILDREN'S TIME

Susan Sharp Campbell

SERMON

Maureen Wright

HYMN

"There are Many Ways of Sharing"

tune: NETTLETON

There are many ways of sharing, But God's Spirit gives each one.
There are different ways of caring; It's one Lord whose work is done.
God, whose gifts are overflowing, May we hear you when you call;
Keep us serving, keep us growing For the common good of all.

We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.
When you call your sons and daughters, You give gifts for serving you.
God, we join in celebration Of the talents you impart.
Bless each baptized one's vocation; Give each one a servant's heart.

All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are set apart to lead.
Give us Jesus' love within us As we care for those in need.
Give us faith to make decisions; Give us joy to share your Word.
Give us unity and vision As we serve your church and world.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Sarah Specht

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nellie Howard
Susan Sharp Campbell
Nellie Howard

HYMN

"God, with Joy We Look around Us"

tune: CWM RHONDDA

God, with joy we look around us At your world's diversity.
Folk of every kind surround us And you call your church to see:
All are made in your own image! All are people whom you love!
All are people whom you love!

In the times we've hurt each other, Lord, we've hurt the ones you bless.
Hating sister, cursing brother, We've denied what you express:
All are made in your own image! All are people whom you love!
All are people whom you love!

God, you sent a Savior to us, Breaking walls that would divide.
By your Spirit, now work through us As we witness side by side:
All are made in your own image! All are people whom you love!
All are people whom you love!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Maureen Wright

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