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*We embrace our call to love and serve Jesus Christ
as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day

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Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song: *Make a Joyful Noise to God, verses 1&2*

*The Call to Worship

Liturgist: From the mustard seed a great and mighty shrub emerges.

People: Good things can come from something that seems so insignificant.

Liturgist: The spore of the yeast can leaven the whole loaf of bread.

People: We can be those people who bring hope and peace to God's world.

Liturgist: Come, let us praise the God of great and mighty wonders.

People: Let our spirits soar in gratitude for the opportunities God gives us to serve. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn: *Here in This Place, verses 1,2,4*

*A Call to Confession (Liturgist)

Knowing that we do not have to earn our place before God, let us confess our sins to the Lord and ask for God's mercy to meet us and cleanse us today.

*Unison Prayer of Confession (prayed aloud by all)

We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation, O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. But we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior. You have not given this world to us that we should destroy it, but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty. Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people. These things we pray in the name of our healer, Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

The Silent Confession (please be seated)

Sung Response to Confession: *Lord, Be Glorified*

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

The Declaration and Assurance of Forgiveness

Liturgist: Jesus understands our cries and our weakness. He forgives and heals our souls. In the name of Jesus Christ we are healed and transformed.

People: Thanks be to God! AMEN

***Passing the Peace of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome**

Liturgist: Peace be with you.

People: And, also with you.

(Congregation shares peace with one another in the pew, over the phone, across the screen.)

Small Talk

Prayer for Illumination

Comforting God, as we navigate our new path, speak to us through these words. May we see what you want us to see, hear what you want us to hear, and know what you want us to know. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 139:1-12

Matthew 13:45-46

The Message:

The World Is Your Oyster

Caroline Baker

Hymn of Affirmation:

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Sharing our Life Together and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Thanksgiving in Song:

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

***Sending Hymn:**

You Are My All in All

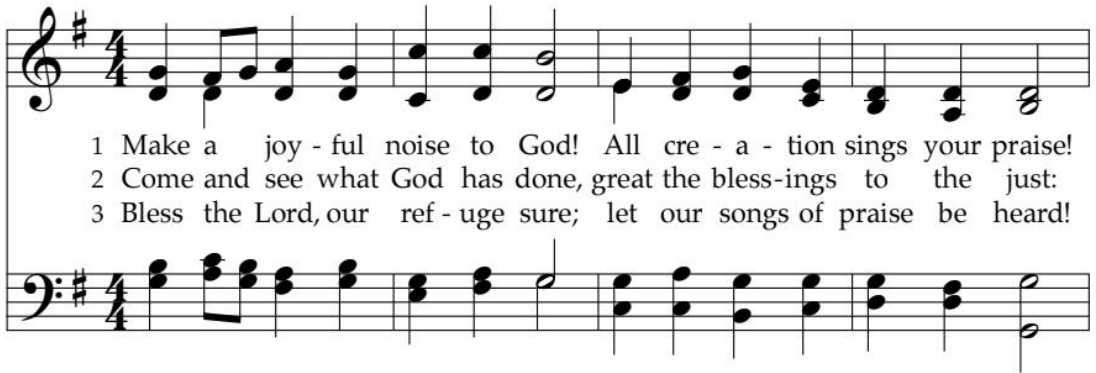
***The Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

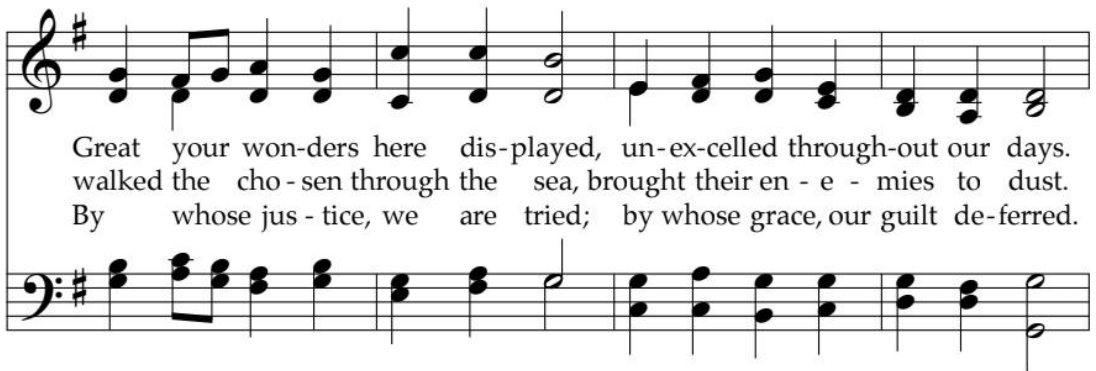
Make a Joyful Noise to God!

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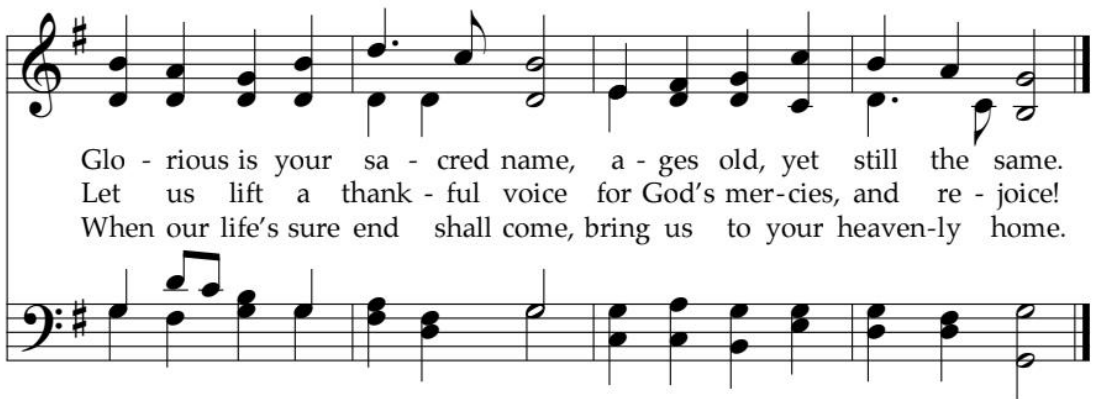
(Psalm 66)



1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:
3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!



Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.
walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.



Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heav - en - ly home.

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

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You Are My All in All

F* C Dm7 Am F

You are my strength when I am weak, you are the treasure that I
 Tak-ing my sin, my cross, my shame; ris-ing a - gain, I bless your

Gm7 F C7 F C7 F C

seek; you are my all in all. Seek-ing you as a pre - cious
 name; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me

Dm7 Am F Gm7 F C7 Bb F

jewel. Lord, to give up I'd be a fool; you are my all in all.
 up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.

F* C Dm7 Am Gm7 F C F C7

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

F C Dm7 Am Gm7 F C7 Bb F

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!