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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 and Announcements

Gathering Song: *O God in Whom All Life Begins (learning)*

*The Call to Worship

Liturgist: This is the good news – the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

People: Hallelujah!

Liturgist: This is the good news – the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Hallelujah!

Liturgist: This is the good news – once we were no people; now we are God's people.

People: Hallelujah!

Liturgist: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

People: Hallelujah!

***Opening Hymn:** *O God in Whom All Life Begins*

Please be seated.

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: If, at times, we deny you, God forgive. When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found:

People: God forgive.

Leader: When we wash our hands of responsibility:

People: God forgive.

Leader: When we cast our lot with the powerful and seek to buy freedom with silver:

People: God forgive.

Leader: When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

People: God forgive.

Silent Confession

Please take a moment for silent confession

Asking for God's Forgiveness

Leader: In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed.

People: Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sung Response to Confession: *Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks*
 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord;
 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to His name.

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

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Liturgist: Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

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

Anthem

Chariots

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, calm our hearts and still our minds that we may listen to your word for us, and in hearing, live more and more the life to which you call us. Amen.

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 121

Acts 2:37-42

The Message:

Memories of Sampson's Mills Church

Gary Hillmar, Elayne Sparico and Nancy Sylvander

Hymn of Affirmation:

How Great Thou Art, vs 1&3

Sharing Our Life Together

The Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our
debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Offertory

Thanksgiving in Song:

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

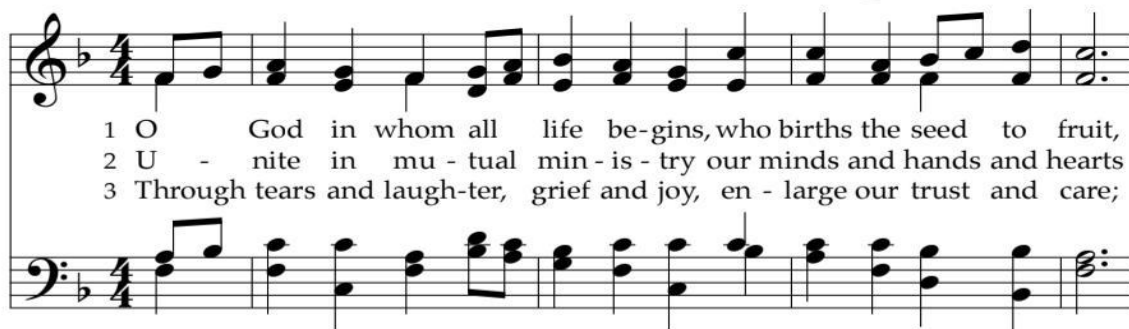
***Sending Hymn:**

The Church's One Foundation, vs 1&5


***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

O God in Whom All Life Begins 308



1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless-ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im-parts.
so bind us in com-mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa-tience, joy, and peace;
So let our var-ied gifts com-bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor-ship, sing, and pray;



de - liv - er us from numb-ing fear, and grant our faith in-crease.
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro-claim.
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

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O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My



Refrain



u - ni - verse dis - played:
feel the gen - tle breeze:
take a - way my sin:
God, how great thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!



The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
 and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.