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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:** *Here in this Place, vs 1 & 2*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather today as a family of God.

People: We gather today to be in God's presence.

Leader: Where two or three are gathered in God's name, God is there also.

People: We rejoice in our time together and sing praise to the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship our God of Grace and Glory.

***Opening Hymn:** *God of Grace and God of Glory, vs 1&3*

Please be seated.

A Call to Confession (Liturgist)

In a world with so much fear we dare to trust in God's goodness and love. Believing Christ's promises, let us embrace our humanity in prayer.

Unison Prayer of Confession (prayed aloud by all)

We know we have caused hurt, harmed others, and made some pretty big mistakes. But this morning, God, we ask your forgiveness for the times we believed that our sins somehow make us less worthy of your love. Forgive us for listening to the voice of fear and shame instead of your stories of Good News. Help us remember that your love has no limits. Help us recognize that your forgiveness is not earned; it interrupts our apologies, and is a gift unconditionally given.

Silent Confession *Please take a moment to contemplate God's love.*

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: God called Moses to lead the Israelites, the Spirit chose the women at the well to lead people to Jesus, the Father welcomes home the prodigal son. God does not turn away from humans who make mistakes, in fact, God runs towards them with open arms. God runs towards you. God runs towards your neighbor. God runs towards your enemy. This is the Good (and sometimes hard) News of Jesus.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sung Response to Confession:

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

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

Liturgist: 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

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

Inspiring God, as we listen to your words, open our hearts to find fresh meaning. May we hear something new while being comforted by your unending presence among us. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:11-32

Message:

Don't Judge a Parable by the Title

Sara Hackett

Hymn of Affirmation:

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, vs 1&2

Sharing Our Life Together

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:**

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our


bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.


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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -




faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

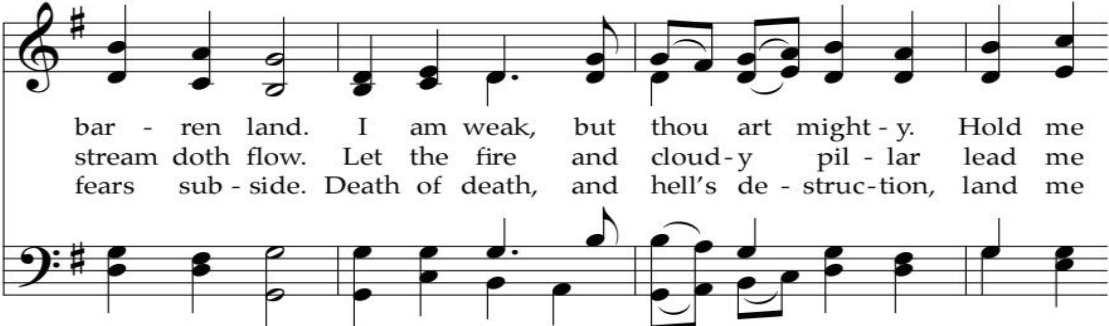
pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.