

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

WHOEVER YOU ARE, AND WHEREVER YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME
HERE.

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*COMFORT, O COMFORT MY PEOPLE, SAYS YOUR GOD. SPEAK TENDERLY TO  
JERUSALEM, AND CRY TO HER THAT SHE HAS SERVED HER TERM, THAT HER PENALTY IS  
PAID, THAT SHE HAS RECEIVED FROM THE LORD'S HAND DOUBLE FOR ALL HER SINS.  
ISAIAH 40:1-2*  
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(*) INDICATES WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LORI MAYER, LAY READER

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK AS IT IS PASSED DURING ANNOUNCEMENTS; THEN PASS IT
TOWARD THE CENTER AISLE.)

*OPENING HYMN: #151 'T WAS IN THE MOON OF WINTERTIME. (VERSES 1 & 3)

JEAN DE BREBEUF, C. 1643 TRANSL. JESSE EDGAR MIDDLETON, 1926; ALT.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

LEADER: GOD'S WAY IS WONDROUS AND HOLY.

ALL: THOSE WHO LOVE GOD WILL PURSUE IT.

LEADER: THOUGH THE PATH BE TREACHEROUS AND THE PROGRESS SLOW,

ALL: GOD TAKES US BY THE HAND AND LEADS US TO SAFETY.

*OPENING PRAYER

ALL: ETERNAL GOD, WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOUR VIGILANT CARE AND PROTECTION.

KNOWING THAT YOU ARE WITH US GIVES US A SENSE OF CALM AND ASSURANCE. WHEN

CONFRONTED WITH A CRISIS OR AN UNCERTAIN SITUATION, WE FIND SOLACE THAT YOU ARE
OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR GOD. AMEN.

*THE GLORIA PATRI (SUNG)

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY GHOST; AS IT WAS IN THE
BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

WORDS: ANONYMOUS, 4TH CENTURY. MUSIC: HENRY GREATOREX. THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON: ISAIAH 40:1-2

SERMON: "ANOTHER NEW YEAR"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)

*HYMN: #154 GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN (VERSES 1 - 3)

AFRRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL ARR. JOHN W. WORK II, 1907

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

LEADER: LET US GIVE AS EACH IS ABLE FROM THE FULLNESS OF OUR
GRATITUDE TO GOD.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.

PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.

PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST.

PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (ALL): ALL GOOD GIFTS ARE FROM GOD.

WE SHARE OUR GIFTS WITH GRATITUDE. MAY WE GIVE WITH PASSION FOR
JUSTICE, AND WITH GOD'S LOVE GUIDING OUR PATHS. AMEN.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN: #164 ARISE YOUR LIGHT HAS COME (VERSES 1 - 4)

RUTH DUCK, 1973

*BENEDICTION: GO IN PEACE. LET THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD OUR GOD BE UPON YOU,
AND LINGER IN YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS THROUGHOUT THE COMING WEEK, AND
FOREVERMORE. AMEN.

*UNISON RESPONSE:

AND GOD WILL RAISE YOU UP ON EAGLE'S WINGS, BEAR YOU ON THE BREATH OF DAWN,
MAKE YOU TO SHINE LIKE THE SUN, AND HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF GOD'S HAND. AMEN.

POSTLUDE

