

GATHERING OURSELVES TOGETHER

Welcome

Prelude

*Opening Hymn

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 562

We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only . . . Jn. 1:14

1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light,
2. Dark and cheer-less is the dawn till your glo - ries shine on me;
3. Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of right-eous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o - ver shades of night:
joy - less is the day's re - turn till your mer - cy's beams I see:
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief:

Day - spring from on high, be near, Day - star, in my heart ap - pear!
as they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
more and more your-self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day!

PRESENTING OURSELVES TO GOD

*Call To Worship (from Rev. Mindi at www.rev-o-lution.com)

Leader: We are given a new commandment

People: We are called to love one another

Leader: We are given a new name

People: We are called disciples

Leader: We know the way to the place prepared for us

People: The Way is Christ

Leader: We know the way to live in this world

People: The Way is Love

Unison: Come, let us go and share the Good News. Let us share in the works of love

*Prayer for Forgiveness & Reconciliation

O Lord, through your son Jesus Christ, you have prayed for us that we might see the way you have put before us, that we might see the truth you have in store for us, that we might see the life available to us through You. Open our eyes, Lord, physically and spiritually, so we might see as you wish us to see rather than the way we want to see this world. Amen.

*Moment of Silence

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Announcements

SHARING AND PRAYING TO THE LORD

Responsive Reading: from Psalm 31

Leader: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

People: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

People: take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Leader: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Unison: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Our 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 and ever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD TO US

Christian Testament Reading: *Acts 7:55-60*

Gospel Reading: *John 14:1-14*

Sermon: **“Martyrs of Faith: Witnesses to Life and Death”**

ENTERING THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn

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Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life." Jn. 14:6

Unison

1. Christ be my lead - er by night as by day,
2. Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
3. Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;

safe through the dark - ness, for he is the Way. }
drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the Truth. }
death can - not hold me, for he is the Life. Nor

Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care, }
Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand, }
dark - ness, nor doubt - ing, nor sin and its stain can

dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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*Benediction
Musical Postlude