

Welcome! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Prelude

Chimes

Welcome & Sharing Our Service and Friendship Opportunities

* Greeting One Another

* **Song** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Laudes Domini

When morning gilds the skies my heart awakening cries;
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,
One purpose I declare: May Jesus Christ be praised!

New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let sin and evil fear,
When this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song,
Through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer [using "trespasses"]

God of Blessing and Love, we come to rejoice and give thanks! You have created us, claimed us, and ransomed us from all that binds us. Hear us as we praise you! May new strength come to us as we also praise the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, "*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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.*" Amen.

Receiving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

* Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

You, O God, freed us by your love. We bring these tithes and offerings to share the good news of Christ's reign of love and justice for all people. May these gifts be used to bring his reign to life through our ministries here and our church's wider mission everywhere. Thanks be to God who gives us all things as we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Time with the Children – *children are invited to join Dr. Havens on the steps at the front. Afterwards they may return to sit with their families or go to Faith Formation or the nursery.*

* **Song** *For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free* Ellacombe/Gillette

For freedom, Christ has set us free! What joy is ours to claim!
No more enslaved, humanity finds life in Jesus' name.

We try, Lord, to be justified through all the works we do.
Yet you adopt us, saying, Child, it's Christ who makes you new.

We're clothed in Christ and we belong; now no one waits outside.
In him we find our common song; old ways no more divide.
It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.
He died for us, new life to give — and new identity.

Now, Spirit-filled, may we be led from ways that would destroy.
May we your people turn instead to lives of love and joy.
May we find peace that makes us whole and patience everywhere.
God, give us kindness, self-control, and hearts and hands that share.

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer and Prayer Response

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 43:1-7 *OT page 672*

Choral Anthem *What Star is this?* Coffin

The Message "Ransomed by Love" Bruce Havens
THEME: 4 NEW YEAR BLESSINGS

* **Song** *How Firm a Foundation* Foundation

How firm a foundation for you has been laid, by God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid!
What more can God say than to you has been said, to you,
Who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God, I will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of woe shall not over you flow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, delivering you from your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace all sufficient shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; for I have designed your soul to make pure
Just as gold is refined."

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

* Benediction

* **Congregational Response** *Alleluia* [*joining hands*]

Postlude *ALL MUSIC LICENSED UNDER CCLI #639547*

*Those who are able, please stand.