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✝ Please stand in body or spirit. | UMH - United Methodist Hymnal  
Congregational responses in **bold**.

**PRELUDE** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. David Lowe

**WELCOME** Rev. Sigrid Mottram  
The Lord be with you!  
And also with you!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

#### PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord, open our lips  
**And our mouths shall declare your praise**  
Forgive our sins and  
**open our hearts to offer you the adoration you deserve**  
Send your Holy Spirit to purify our worship  
**Receive our prayers and the offering of our presence for your glory**  
**In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

✝ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH 139

**PSALM READING** Psalm 103:1-18 UMH 824

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Erica Kirby

**MORNING PRAYER** Rev. Lanny Lancaster

#### 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 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.

✝ **HYMN** *The Gift of Love* UMH 408

**STEWARDSHIP WITNESS** Dale Loberger

#### OFFERING

✝ **THE DOXOLOGY** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, Stz. 5* UMH 160  
**Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,  
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Rev. Mottram

**ANTHEM** *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. John Coates  
Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes,  
we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; Gather  
with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God. On the  
margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and  
worship ever, all the happy golden day. Soon we'll reach the  
shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy  
hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 22:34-40

**SERMON** *A Rule of Life* Rev. Lancaster

✝ **HYMN OF DEDICATION** UMH 548  
*In Christ There Is No East or West*

✝ **BENEDICTION**

✝ **POSTLUDE** *Fugue in B-flat* J. S. Bach

#### Serving in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Lanny Lancaster Liturgist: Rev. Sigrid Mottram  
Music: Sung by Central Chancel Choir;  
Jamie Bryson, organist/director; Kristi Shupe, pianist