

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Opening Prayer Join us in singing

*"Let the glory of the Lord rise among us. Let the glory of the Lord rise among us. Let the praises of our God rise among us. Let it rise. Oh let it rise. Oh let it rise."*

Leader: God, show us the goodness around us.

**People: Open our senses to see, hear, taste, feel this beautiful world.**

Leader: God, help us find life-giving activities for our lives.

**People: Allow us to seek renewal and revival for our hearts and souls.**

Leader: God, quench the thirst in us.

**People: Lead us to the living water for refreshment.**

Leader: God, keep us from allowing familiarity to breed contempt.

**People: Nudge us to be amazed by the simplicity of our surroundings.**

Leader: God, guide us so that we appreciate our lives.

**People: Compel us to recapture a sense of wonder in You. Amen**

#### Join us in singing

*"Let the glory of the Lord rise among us. Let the glory of the Lord rise among us. Let the praises of our God rise among us. Let it rise. Oh let it rise. Oh let it rise."*

*"Let the songs of the Lord rise among us. Let the songs of the Lord rise among us. Let the joy of our God rise among us. Let it rise. Oh let it rise. Oh let it rise."*

#### Opening Song "Bring Many Names" See next page for lyrics

#### First Reading Excerpt from "Hope and Other Superpowers" See next page for reading

#### Second Reading Psalm 8 See next page for reading

#### Gathering Song "How Great Thou Art" See next page for lyrics

#### Sermon "Wonder and Creativity" Rev. Dr. Nancy Wilson

#### Song of Reflection

### Prayers of the People (Join us in singing when instructed)

*"And then a hero comes along, with the strength to carry on  
And you cast your fears aside, And you know you can survive  
So when you feel like hope is gone, Look inside you and be strong And you'll finally  
see the truth, That a hero lies in you."*

#### Offering Offertory Affirmation Please recite with us

*I am a generous person who is faithful and consistent to give what I have. I know that in providing generosity to others, I naturally make a way for generosity to be extended to me. We affirm that being generous is a superpower we can use to help others rise from the ashes.*

#### Offertory & Doxology Communion Invitation

#### The Great Thanksgiving The Holy One be with you And also with you.

*Lift up your hearts  
We lift them up to our God.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*And, now, we will rise as we are able and pray the prayer  
Jesus taught us, saying...*

*Our Creator, who art in heaven  
Hallowed by Your name  
Your kingdom come Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory Forever. Amen*

#### Closing Song "The Edge of Glory" See next page for lyrics

#### Benediction

**Lyrics****“Bring Many Names”**

Bring Many Names, Beautiful And Good, Celebrate, In Parable And Story,  
Holiness In Glory, Living, Loving God. Hail And Hosanna! Bring Many Names!

Strong Mother God, Working Night And Day, Planning All The Wonders Of Creation, Setting Each  
Equation, Genius At Play: Hail And Hosanna! Strong Mother God!

Warm Father God, Hugging Every Child, Feeling All The Strains Of Human Living,  
Caring And Forgiving Till We're Reconciled: Hail And Hosanna! Warm Father God!

Great, Living God, Never Fully Known, Joyful Darkness Far Beyond Our Seeing,  
Closer Yet Than Breathing, Everlasting Home:  
Hail And Hosanna, Great, Living God!

**“How Great Thou Art”**

O Lord My God! When I In Awesome Wonder Consider All The Worlds Your Hands Have Made,  
I See The Stars, I Hear The Rolling Thunder, Your Power Throughout The Universe Displayed.

**Refrain**

Then Sings My Soul, My Savior God To You; How Great You Are, How Great You Are!  
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When Through The Woods And Forest Glades I Wander, And Hear The Birds Sing Sweetly In The  
Trees; When I Look Down From Lofty Mountain Grandeur  
And Hear The Brook, And Feel The Gentle Breeze;

**Refrain**

And When I Think That God, The One Not Sparing, Sent You To Die, I Scarce Can Take It In;  
That On The Cross, My Burden Gladly Bearing, You Bled And Died To Take Away My Sin;

**Refrain**

When Christ Shall Come With Shout Of Acclamation And Take Me Home, What Joy Shall Fill My Heart.  
Then I Shall Bow In Humble Adoration, And There Proclaim, My God, How Great You Are!

**Refrain****“The Edge of Glory”**

I'm On The Edge Of Glory And I'm Hangin' On A Moment Of Truth.  
I'm On The Edge Of Glory And I'm Hangin'  
On This Moment With You.  
I'm On The Edge, The Edge, The Edge,  
The Edge, The Edge, The Edge, The Edge,  
I'm On The Edge Of Glory And I'm Hangin'  
On This Moment With You.

I'm On The Edge Of Glory And I'm Hangin' On A Moment Of Truth.  
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On This Moment With You.

**First Reading****Excerpt from “Hope and Other Superpowers”**

“One of the ways to become the kind of wonder-filled people the world needs is to embrace belief again. That doesn't have to mean that we find or recover spirituality or pursue religious practice. . . but it does mean intentionally regressing to that place where we find faith in something bigger again, whether it is the existence of God, or the splendor of the planet, or the goodness of people or whatever potent combination of faith, mojo, destiny, karma or positivity that . . . makes us excited to be part of what's unfolding.

People gifted with wonder tend to be easy to spot.,,they “look up” when that decision seems counterintuitive. They are solution-seekers, bright side-finders, dream stokers, and defiant dancers. The world never has enough of such people.

Wonder can save the world because it is fuel for our best selves. It can be powerful medicine for weary souls sapped of hope. . .It keeps the embers of our younger hearts burning as we get older and face disappointment and discouragement.

Wonder is antivenom when toxic negativity seeps in. It is what we steady ourselves on while standing on the tips of our toes, in order to try to see the obscured beauty passing by. So no, you don't need to believe in God, or something, to be a person who sees wonder around you. Just remember how to keep your eyes open, how to stand on tiptoe and how to keep looking for the parade.”

**Second Reading****Psalm 8**

O GOD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set  
your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of  
your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that  
you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals  
that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and  
honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put  
all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the  
birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the  
seas. O GOD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth.