

## Welcome and Announcement

### Opening Prayer

Leader: As we gather this morning, we are mindful of God's blessings, and now, weeks after the storm, filled with compassion for all who are struggling to recover. Give us hands and hearts to help, as we sing this song of trust,

#### Join us in singing when instructed

O, the glory of Your Presence,  
We your temple give you reverence,  
Come and rise to Your rest and be blest by our praise  
As we glory In Your embrace  
As Your Presence now fills this place (repeat)

Leader: God, we come today, aware that some of us are well into recovery from the damage of the storm, and some are still struggling, for power, for connection, for a secure place to live, for resources and help.

**Congregation: Holy Spirit, let us not lose heart!**

Leader: Jesus, the storm exposed the inequality that already existed In our neighborhoods and communities, help us to work for justice

**Congregation: God who sees every need, let us not lose heart!**

Leader: Spirit of hope, as the flood waters still rise, as we wrestle with climate change, and all that contributed to where we find ourselves, help us to be people of action

**Congregation: Creator of our Universe, and of every life, let us not lose heart!**  
**AMEN!**

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### Opening Song

**"You've Go The Whole World In Your Hands"**

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### Reprise

#### Scripture Reading

**Luke 18:1-11 and Galatians 6:9-10**

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#### Gathering Song

**"El Shaddai"**

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#### Sermon

**"Don't Lose Heart"**

**Rev. Dr. Nancy Wilson**

#### Song of Reflection

## Prayers of the People

(Join us in signing when instructed)

**God, listen to Your children praying, God, send Your spirit in this place;**  
**God, listen to Your children praying,**  
**Send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

### Lord's Prayer

### Offering /Offertory

### Doxology

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!  
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Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

### Communion

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.**

May we never take this Holy Communion, or this community for granted, as we sing,

Taste and see, taste and see  
The goodness of our God  
Taste and see, taste and see  
The goodness of our God!

### And so...

**This morning, with faith and hope as your people, we proclaim together that,**

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!**

Taste and see, taste and see  
The goodness of our God  
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The goodness of our God!

### Closing Song

**"For The Beauty of the Earth"**  
See next page for lyrics

### Benediction

## Lyrics

### “You’ve Got The Whole World In Your Hands”

You've Got The Whole World In Your Hands,  
You've Got The Whole World In Your Hands,  
You've Got The Whole World In Your Hands,  
You've Got The Whole World In Your Hands.

You've Got The Tiny Little Baby In Your Hands,  
You've Got The Tiny Little Baby In Your Hands,  
You've Got The Tiny Little Baby In Your Hands,  
You've Got The Whole World In Your Hands.

You've Got You And Me Brother In Your Hands,  
You've Got You And Me Sister In Your Hands,  
You've Got You And Me Brother In Your Hands,  
You've Got The Whole World In Your Hands.

You've Got Ev'rybody In Your Hands,  
You've Got Ev'rybody In Your Hands,  
You've Got Ev'rybody In Your Hands,  
You've Got The Whole World In Your Hands.

### “El Shaddai”

El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El El-yon Na A-do-nai;  
Age To Age You're Still The Same By The Power Of The Name.  
El Shaddai, El Shaddai, Er-kahm-ka Na A-do-nai;  
We Will Praise And Lift You High, El Shaddai.

El Shaddai, El Shaddai, The Most Holy, The Most High;  
Age To Age You're Still The Same By The Power Of The Name.  
El Shaddai, El Shaddai, We Will Love You A-do-nai;  
We Will Praise And Lift You High, El Shaddai.

### “For The Beauty of the Earth”

For The Beauty Of The Earth, For The Splendor Of The Skies,  
For The Love Which From Our Birth Over And Around Us Lies,  
God Of All, To You We Raise This Our Hymn Of Grateful Praise.

For The Wonder Of Each Hour Of The Day And Of The Night,  
Hill And Vale, And Tree And Flower, Sun And Moon, And Stars Of Light,  
God Of All, To You We Raise This Our Hymn Of Grateful Praise.

For The Good That Love Inspires, For A World Where None Exclude,  
For A Faith That Never Tires, And For Every Heart Renewed,  
God Of All, To You We Raise This Our Hymn Of Grateful Praise.

## Scripture Reading

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.<sup>2</sup> He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.<sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’<sup>4</sup> For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,<sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’<sup>6</sup> And Jesus said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says.<sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to the chosen ones who cry to God day and night? Will the Holy One delay long in helping them?<sup>8</sup> I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Humanity comes, will they find faith on earth?

### In addition, let us hear these words from Galatians 6: 9 and 10

<sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not lose heart.<sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.