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Worship Celebration February 19, 2017 – 9:30 am

Defying Gravity

Break Free from
the Culture of More

“Tethered to God”

Meditation

We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all that we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about.

—Charles Kingsley



Words of Welcome**Prelude**

Kol Nidre (Prayer to God)
Emily Fortuna, cello

Choral Introit*** Call to Worship**

Leader: We come to worship God whose love for us will never end.

People: We have been blessed by God!

Leader: We gather together to give thanks for God's work in our midst.

People: We are being blessed by God!

Leader: We are called by God to give back.

People: We come to worship as faithful stewards and to be a blessing to others.

* Hymn of Praise *Eternal God Transcending Time* (see screen)

* Opening Prayer (in unison) Rev. Dr. Dave Summers

Lord Jesus Christ, by taking human flesh you sanctified material things to be a means of your grace.

Give us wisdom in how we see and use our wealth as God's gift to us.

Enlarge our hearts to share the blessings we have received.

Bless our lives and our worship with your joy. Amen.

* Moments of Christian Fellowship

* Hymn of Fellowship *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*
verses 1 & 3 *The Faith We Sing* 2223

Rev. Eve Williams**Max Bruch**

(please fill out and pass the fellowship pads)

Anthem***Days of Elijah***

arr. Schrader

Chancel Choir

Derek Everett, drums, Neil Bunker, guitar

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Giving Campaign Moment

Rayme Ellett

Sharing of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory***All the People Said Amen***

Matt Maher

Tommy Strawser, soloist

* Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymnal 94

* Offertory Prayer

* Hymn of Preparation *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Hymnal 133

Scripture Reading *Matthew 6:24-26*

Leader: God's Word for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon***Defying Gravity***

3. "Tethered to God"

Rev. Dr. Dave Summers

* Hymn of Commitment *Now Thank We All Our God* Hymnal 102

* Benediction

*** Postlude*****Fuge (from Sonata No 3)***

Josef Rheinberger

Dr. Ashley Snavley, organ

When you see an * in the order of worship, please stand as you are able. Large-print bulletins, Bibles and hymnals, as well as assistive listening devices and wheelchairs, are available from the ushers.

Chancel flowers are given by Peggy & Bill Howard in celebration of the 98th birthday of Peggy's mother, Dorothy Yeoman