

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Rick: In the beginning ...

Many Voices: God created mortals, and asked us to care for all creation.

Rick: In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus ...

Many Voices: Jesus showed us how to love as God loves.

Rick: In our time, and throughout eternity ...

Many Voices: Jesus commands us to lead others to follow in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit.

Rick: Come, let us worship the Triune God.

Many Voices: Come, let us worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation! Amen.

*Opening Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" (*verses 1, 4, & 5*)

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*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Rick: Loving God, in that first spark of creativity, you set the cosmos in motion. Time after time, your creative presence brings new life and hope. We experience your love, as we see the marvels of nature. We experience your love, as we study the ethics and compassion of Christ. We experience your love through the ever-presence of your Holy Spirit, who was with you in the beginning, was with Christ throughout his ministry, and is with us to the end of the age. For your loving presence in all your infinite ways, we give you thanks.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Creating God, from the beginning, you formed light out of darkness, breath from dust, and life from love. In Christ, you walked among us, and through your Spirit, you empower us still. Today, we offer our gifts—signs of our desire to partner with you in your ongoing work of creation, healing, and discipleship. Use these offerings to build communities of compassion, to welcome the stranger, and to teach your ways of justice and joy. May our giving reflect the wonder of your Triune love and our willingness to go and grow disciples in your

name. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson
Gospel Lesson

Genesis 1:26-31a (CEB)
Matthew 28:16-20 (CEB)

Rick: The Word of God for the People of God.
Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"We Shall Overcome" (*verses 1, 2, & 4*)

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Proclaiming

"The Divine Purpose of Human Beings"

Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns
Prayers for the People
Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

"We All Are One in Mission"

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*Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth to the World