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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” by Bridges and Thring

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Presence of Christ continues on earth through the Spirit and through his Church. The Church, sometimes in weakness, sometimes in power, continues to work at her mission given by our Lord.

People: *Yes, and as we carry on our work, the risen Lord is in our midst to strengthen us and to help us see more clearly.*

Pastor: Whatever trials, difficulties, or questions the Church encounters, we can be sure Christ walks right beside his people, sustaining us with his courage, endurance, and illumination.

People: *We will not be afraid because he who was dead is alive forever more, empowering his Church!*

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, you guide and strengthen the Church by the presence of your Son, who holds the keys of death. Grant that his power may give new life and enlightenment not only to individuals who need to be brought from death to life, but also to your faithful

witnesses, who seek to do the work you have given your Church to do. It is through our sustaining, risen Lord that we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & PETITION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God: your Son, our risen Lord, is more than sufficient to accomplish the work you have given your Church to undertake. And yet, we, your people, allow fear and a lack of faith to confuse and derail us too easily. We sometimes fail to realize you are walking right beside us, empowering us to faithfully build your Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven. Forgive us when we allow our weaknesses to prevent us from going where you want to lead us, and help us to believe in the vision you have for us as individuals and as your Church. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Majesty" by Jack W. Hayford CCLI License #1677508 © 1980
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Majesty, worship his majesty,
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flows from his throne,
Unto his own, his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high, the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings

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SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-35

SERMON "A Closer Walk With Thee"

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING****SONG OF SENDING** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” by Anonymous

I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long, as I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Thro' this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

(Refrain)

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er, to Thy kingdom, dear Lord, to Thy shore.

(Refrain)

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH