

GATHERING WITH JOY

Prelude

Welcome & call to worship

*Opening hymn #438:1-3

“When Morning Gilds the Sky”

(Ushers available for seating)

*God's greeting and greeting each other

*Hymn “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother -
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

Scripture reading: Romans 13:8-10

Hymn “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart

Scripture reading: Philippians 2:1-8

Hymn “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Lord, I want to be like Jesus, in my heart, in my heart.
Lord I want to be like Jesus, in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Scripture reading: Luke 6:27-35

Prayer

Hymn “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart

Pastoral Blessing

*(Children Pre-K – 2nd grade may be escorted
to Children in Worship)*

Morning prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:27-13 (page 1049)

Message: Desire the Greater Gift

RESPONDING IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***Hymn #513**

“Christian Hearts in Love United”

Mission report: Michael & Kim Essenburg

Our gifts to the Lord:

Ministries of Brookside and Christian Education

Offertory

***God's blessing**

***Closing song** CCLI #225774

“My Friends May You Grow In Grace”

My friends may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever,
Now and forever. Amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever,
Now and forever. Amen. (repeat)

Postlude

* - stand, if you are able

Preaching: Pastor Bernie Dokter

Organist: Phyllis Moes

Pianists: Lisa Vanderkamp, Kathi Jo DeYoung

Ministry of Music: Brass Ensemble