

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

Leader: Lord, be with us when our lives seem  
embedded in sorrow and sadness.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us.**

Leader: Open our hearts to receive your healing grace.

**People: Prepare us to be children of the light  
rather than dwellers in darkness.**

Leader: Throughout all our days, you have been with us.

**People: Be with us again. Remind us of your  
presence and healing mercy.**

### OPENING SONG

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

Hymnal #349

### OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious and generous God, you are always with us, offering guidance, healing and hope. We know that with things seem dark or are dazzlingly bright; when troubled times assail or peace reigns; there you are with us. Continue to guide and challenge our lives. Lead us in pathways of service and away from trails of fear and anxiety. Open our hearts to receive your healing transforming love that we might serve you more faithfully; for we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

### MESSAGE

"Focused and Faithful"

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

### PRAYER HYMN

"Cares Chorus"

Faith We Sing #2215

*I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at  
your feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast  
all my cares upon you.*

### OFFERING OF GRATITUDE

### DOXOLOGY

Hymnal # 94

### CLOSING PRAYER

O God, we lift our eyes to you, for in you we find our  
hope and strength and salvation. Have mercy on us, Lord.  
When we lose heart in the midst of dire circumstances in the  
world around us, may we be reminded again and again that  
we are children of the light, chosen and saved by Christ to  
live with him forever, and to encourage and build one  
another up. Let our lives shine with your light this week so  
that others might be encouraged by our faith and our loving  
actions. **Amen.**

### HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Hymnal # 206

### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

You

have

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faithful

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*Matthew 25:21*

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