

## Welcome!

Once the service begins, those who are vaccinated and are comfortable doing so may remove their masks while seated. We ask that those who are not vaccinated to remain masked at all times.

## In Preparation for Worship

“Faith includes noticing the mess, the emptiness and discomfort, and letting it be there until some light returns.”  
- Anne Lamott, *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith*

## Gathering Prayer

### Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us to go out...  
People: **By faith, we trust that God is present in our journeying.**  
Leader: When the road becomes unfamiliar...  
People: **By faith, we follow where God leads.**  
Leader: Though we travel far, we remain grounded by one another...  
People: **By faith, we journey home, to worship God together.**

## Hymn #24, stanzas 1, 3 and 4

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

## Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day,  
and offer the truth of our lives:  
Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life and grace.  
As we travel the road before us, help us find courage in unlikely places,  
See the world with new and gracious eyes,  
Enter into those places where love is needed,  
Have faith that you are with us wherever we are on our journey.  
Hear us now as we offer the prayers on our hearts...  
(*Silence is kept for personal reflection.*)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

## Song of Praise #608

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Reading

Ruth 1

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

### Sermon

Running on Empty

Erin Rugh

### Music

### Affirmation of Faith\*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### The Offering

### Hymn #37

Let All Things Now Living

### Benediction

### Postlude

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Ellen Massey by her family.

**Please remember to re-mask before departing your pew.  
Please join us in the courtyard for fellowship and conversation.**

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