

PRELUDE *Music for the Royal Fireworks* G. F. Handel
 I. Overture
 II. The Rejoicing
 III. The Peace
 IV. Bouree

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Doey Barnett
 One: Rely on God's providential care.
All: God's grace is sufficient for us.
 One: Take nothing for the journey.
All: Nothing?!
 One: Take nothing for the journey but faith in Christ.
All: We can trust the God of our salvation.
 One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.
All: God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship!

†HYMN 337 [*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*](#) GALILEE

†OPENING PRAYER
Eternal Spirit, you call us to leave our stuff behind and place our trust in you alone. You challenge us to take nothing for the journey but our desire to do your will. Teach us once more that your strength is made perfect in our weakness. Remind us your grace is sufficient to meet our every need. With childlike confidence, we place our lives in your hands knowing that you will be with us today and always. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING [Mark 6:7-13](#) (NT p. 49)

†RESPONSE AFTER SCRIPTURE 263 WOLFE
**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
 I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
 I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

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SERMON *Stuffed* Rev. Fredd

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

HYMN 393 [*One Bread, One Body*](#) ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *You Raise Me Up* Josh Groban
 Eve Schmitt, Carillon

†DOXOLOGY
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
 Amen.**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You give us everything we need, O God, to build your kingdom and to bless other people. With nothing except your presence and your promise to be with us, we are assured that our own lives will be blessed. Receive our love and commitment symbolized by these offerings, that the world may know the healing touch of Christ Jesus. Amen.

†HYMN 452 [*Here I Am, Lord*](#) HERE I AM, LORD

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *V. Minuet* G. F. Handel



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