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CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We gather today to worship God, who listens when we call.

People: We gather to rest in the shadow of God's wings.

Leader: We gather to pray to God, who answers us when we call.

People: We gather to lift our voices in the shadow of God's wings.

Leader: We gather to praise God, who rescues us when we call.

People: We gather to rejoice in the shadow of God's wings.

Leader: Beloved, come! Let us worship God, who covers and delivers us in Love.

People: We gather to worship in the shadow of God's wings.



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OPENING HYMN: We Sing to You, O God (TFWS 2001)

Verse 1

We sing to You O God
The Rock who gave us birth
Let our rejoicing sing Your name
In all the earth
To You O God let songs be raised
In joyful hymns our feast of praise

Verse 2

We wandered far from home
Out in a desert land
You shielded with Your love
Our fearful pilgrim band
You kept us safe within
Your arms and sheltered us
Against the storm

Verse 3

You bear us through the world
An eagle to her young
Who rises on her wings and
Bears us toward the sun
We ride the vaults of light
And air and trust in Your unfailing care

Verse 4

O God eternal God
We hide within Your wings
The everlasting arms to whom
Our praises ring
Your Word is true
Your way is just
You are the God in whom we trust



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PRAYER HYMN: Take My Life, and Let It Be (UMH 399)

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.



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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



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PSALM READING – Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Leader: Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,

People: “My refuge and my fortress; My God, in whom I trust.”

Leader: For the Lord will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence and will cover you with his pinions;

People: under the Lord's wings you will find refuge. God's faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Leader: You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

People: nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Leader: Because they cleave to me in love, I will deliver them;

People: I will protect them, because they know my name.

Leader: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

People: I will satisfy them with long life and show them my salvation.



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Apostle's 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;* the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen



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CLOSING HYMN: It Is Well with My Soul (UMH 377)

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
(Refrain)

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(Refrain)

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.
(Refrain)



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BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

God of new beginnings and second chances. When your son, Jesus the Christ gave his life for us, the veil of separation was torn. Breakthrough all that would keep us separate from one another, from our neighbors, and from you that we may be one just as you and the Father are one. Lead us now into your beloved community where our identity is rooted in Christ alone.

