

PRELUDE: Silent Meditation (Contemplative Music)

MEDITATION PRAYER: “And it came to pass that for a whole year they assembled themselves with the church and taught many people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.” (Acts 11:26b)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greet your Church Family:

CALL TO WORSHIP: Congregation in **BOLD**

P: Wonderful people, take a deep breath and feel the ease of breathing in and breathing out, and may you recognize God as your refuge and strength.

C: God has been with his children throughout all generations, and this is all the hope we need today in believing that “Emmanuel,” God is truly with us also.

P: So, let your hearts be fixed on the things that are above in heaven, and let us continue to worship God.

C: Our spirits are awoken, and we pray that our souls are in tune to praise and exalt the name of the Almighty.

P: Let all those who seek God be glad, and may they say continually, “Let God be magnified!”

C: Hallelujah! We sing praises of adoration and pray that from Jerusalem to Monrovia and that all the nations of the earth will come to recognize Jesus as Lord, who is above all, and through all, and in us all. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: (Please Stand) #485 (Red Hymnal)
“This Is My Father’s World”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (Read in unison)

As we enter into the season of Fall, may we fasten our minds on the Maker of time. We realize that time may come, and time may go, but the Word of God abides forever! As Christians and lovers of God, may we hold fast to this Word because we believe embedded there are faith, hope, and love. Today in this spirit of worship, Lord, we seek your presence among us. We pray that you will purge us from all unrighteousness and will simultaneously pull on the heartstrings of our families, and our neighbors and friends to make the wise decision to finally turn around and acknowledge you as their Lord and Savior. Let it be so, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE (Congregation in **bold**)

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up unto the Lord.

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

GLORIA PATRI (Sung in unison)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,

Is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 12:11-17

HYMN: #288 (RED) “Let Us Break Bread Together”

SERMON: “Arrested Prayers”

by Minister Miriam Theodore

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION:

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

With grateful hearts, we praise you, O God, for your great goodness in the gift of Christ. Through sacred memory, Christ has come to us and fed us at this table. Strengthen us by your grace to fellowship with Christ each day. Stir us to share Christ’s cross in daily sacrificial service. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION: 1 Peter 4:8

“Above all things, have fervent love among yourselves, for love shall cover the multitude of sins.”

(Ushers Will Pass The Collection Plates)

DOXOLOGY: #515 (Red!) “Praise God Whom Blessing Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL 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. Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE (Musical Interlude)

CLOSING HYMN: (Please Stand) #319 (Red Hymnal)

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

BENEDICTION: (In Unison) May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other Amen.

POSTLUDE: (Contemplative Music)