CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Isaiah 6 and Psalm 29)
Pastor: Holy! Holy! Holy! All the earth is full of God’s majesty. The lightening flash is a sign of God’s creative voice. Thunder resounds with the magnitude of God’s power and strength. The rain falls as a reminder of God’s refreshing nature. The sun shines in testimony to the warmth of God’s great love. Let us great the Lord of Creation, with a hymn of praise!

HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,
4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
5 For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;

for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
CALL TO CONFESSION
Pastor: All creation is God’s temple. Nothing and no one can hide from God. Exposed by God’s grandeur and led by the Holy Spirit, let us bow our hearts before God and confess our sin.

ACT OF CONFESSION (Isaiah 6:1-8)
Liturgist: In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filled the temple. Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings; with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. They shouted to each other saying:

People: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of heavenly hosts! All the earth is filled with God's glory!"

Liturgist: The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

People: I said, "Woe is me; I am ruined! I am a person of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips. Yet, I've seen the king, the LORD of heavenly hosts!"

MOMENT OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION
Silent prayers of confession are offered for the ways our lips are “unclean.” For example: the things we say, the things we do not say, acts of gluttony, for what we consume or raise to our lips, like addictive substances, and so forth.

Liturgist: Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs.

People: He touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed."

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Pastor: Our guilt too, is removed by the grace of God, through the Lord Jesus Christ. This good news allows us to be free from the past and to move forward with renewed purpose and energy.

People: We are born again; born from above; born anew!

Praise be to the Lord Almighty!

Pastor: Restored, I heard the Lord's ask, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

All: I said, "Here am I. Send me."

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A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

GOSPEL READING  Questions Galore! John 3:1-17
SERMON & PASTORAL PRAYER  Curiosity is Key Rev. Laura C. Bair

OFFERING INVITATION
Liturgist: Sisters and brothers, God has provided us the means to give; Jesus has shown us reason to give; the Spirit inspires and waits for us to give. So, let us be joyful and generous in offering our time, talent, and money. Together, let us dedicate our gifts in prayer…
OFFERTORY & THE LORD’S PRAYER
All: We offer our gifts to you, Lord, with grateful, cheerful hearts. Thank you that you meet our needs on the journey, providing what we need when we need it. Trusting you, we can share what we have with others, and we do this joyfully, together, today, through Jesus who taught us to also pray: 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.

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BENEDICTION
Pastor: In the name of God the Father, I send you on your way: that Father of Jesus who sends rain and sunshine to bless both the just and the unjust, and who knows our names and numbers the hair on our heads.
All: Amen!
Pastor: In the name of the Spirit, I assure you of good company: that Spirit who inspired Jesus; a friend in joy or pain, a counselor in anxious times, a comforter in sorrow, and a dis-comforter whenever we become indifferent.
All: Amen!
Pastor: In the name of the Son, I bless you: that Christ who loved you and gave himself for you, whose peace is your healing, whose rule is love, and whose grace will one day bring your truly home with exceeding joy!
All: Amen!
Pastor: Go faithfully, my sisters and brothers, for all is well…
All: and all manner of things will be well. Amen.

POSTLUDE The Promise of God Our Father (Little)
1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,

through eternal ages let his praises ring;
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
bond to him eternally by love's strong cord,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,

glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,

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1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.
4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
5. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in full for Thee, swift and beautiful for Thee.

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