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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT #541: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

Let our hospitality towards each other reflect God's love.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

CELEBRATORY MUSIC # MV 122: This Is the Day

This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad!

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Singing halelu, singing halelu, singing halelu!

We will rejoice and be glad.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Behold, God is doing a new thing.

Here. Now.

In the midst of daily life.

The Holy One who created heaven and earth
forms us afresh today.

Let our spirits rise to greet our Maker.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

God, you touch our lives

with mystery and hope.

We come to this place today,

ready to see your power working through us.

Help us to be open to your Word,

and to answer your call among us.

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN # 240: Praise My Soul the God of Heaven**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Let us confess our shortcomings,
recalling the words of Christ:

Jesus said, "Peace be with you."

**Yet sometimes we sow discord,
neglecting to make peace with our sisters and brothers.**

Jesus said, "As God has sent me, so I send you."

**Yet sometimes we refuse to go, fearing to follow
unknown paths of faith.**

Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

But we turn away, rejecting the gifts of the Spirit.

Forgive us, blessed God,

in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

The stone is rolled away—we are released!

The tomb is empty – we can be free!

Christ is risen!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN # 904 refrain:**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Hallelujah, Hallelujah

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***HYMN # 415: God We Praise You for the Morning**

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Eternal God,

In the reading of scripture, may your Word be heard;

In the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;

In the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42 - 47

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

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SCRIPTURE READING

takes to carry out your plan. We ask you to break through in new ways in our church. Show us the great ministry you have in store for us. Help us dream your dreams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, giving us the vision, boldness, and confidence to do all that you call us to do. Amen.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: May The Peace of God N. McClaren

POSTLUDE