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## PRELUDE

*Darwall*

arr. Gordon Young

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHORAL INTROIT

*Mary Magdalene*

Johannes Brahms

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, God gathers us for worship, like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.

**In the sanctuary and in our homes, our God gathers us together this day.**

Loving, nurturing, and forgiving, God saves and supports us, teaching us the way we should go.

**Trusting in God's steadfast love, we gather to offer our thanks and praise!**

## HYMN

*God, We Love This Congregation!*  
(Sung to tune, 'Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee')

Lyrics: C.W. Gillette

*God, we love this congregation! On this day, we're glad to see  
Friends and neighbors, gathered, praying, as a church community.  
Young and old, we join in worship—some in-person, some online.  
We are drawn by faith and friendship to this blessed place and time.*

*In this year with all its trials, there are things that we have missed.  
Still, in Christ, you've walked beside us; by your Spirit, we've been blessed.  
Love's our history, love's our vision, Love's the work we're called to do.  
Bless us as our congregation moves together, serving you.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this time of worship  
knowing that we have failed to see you in other places.**

**We have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures,  
in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith,  
to be weighed down by what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us.**

**In these moments together, draw us so close that we cannot help but know  
that wherever we are--in this sanctuary or in our homes--you are with us.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM *Steal Away to Jesus* arr. John Rutter

SCRIPTURE 2 Samuel 7:1-6

SERMON "Surely God is in EVERY Place"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "An Easter Affirmation" Kennon Callahan

We believe that...

Hope is stronger than memory. Salvation is stronger than sin.

Forgiveness is stronger than bitterness. Reconciliation is stronger than hatred.

Resurrection is stronger than crucifixion. Light is stronger than darkness.

The empty tomb is stronger than the bloodied cross.

The risen Lord is stronger than the dead Jesus. Easter is stronger than Good Friday.

We are the Easter people. We are the people of hope.

We are the people of the empty tomb, the risen Lord, the new life in Christ. Amen.

## 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 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 NO.108** (v. 1, 3, & 4) *God of the Women* Tune: Be Thou My Vision

*God of the women who answered your call, Trusting your promises, giving their all,  
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth—Give us their courage to live in your truth.*

*God of the women who walked Jesus' Way, Giving their resources, learning to pray,  
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —May we give freely as they did before.*

*God of the women who ran from the tomb, Prayed with the others in that upper room,  
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day—May we so gladly proclaim you today.*

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Up with Adventure* Michael Giacchino

### Today's Worship Leaders

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music

Carol Hughes, Accompanist

AFPC Intern Choir Frank Espinosa, Soloist

Abbott Hatch & Rick Connor, Video and Sound