#### Choruses of Praise and Affirmation (Lyrics on back page)

- 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
- In Christ Alone
- Who You Say I Am
- Goodness of God

## Call To Worship

Leader: Lord, You've been our dwelling place throughout this year

#### People: We thank You, Lord

Leader: You've guided, directed, and ordered our ways

#### People: We praise You, Lord

Leader: Through many dangers, toils and snares, You have been with us,

#### People: And we thank You, Dear Lord

Leader: We come together to seek Your face and Your pardon,

All: Be merciful to us O Lord as we begin another year, Amen

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Thy Hand, O God, Has Guided

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hy hand, O God, has guided Thy flock, from age to age; The wondrous tale is written, Full clear, on every page; Our fathers owned Thy goodness, And we their deeds record; And both of this bear witness; One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings To greatest as to least; They bade men rise, and hasten To share the great King's feast; And this was all their teaching, In every deed and word, To all alike proclaiming One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness, Through many a scene of strife, The faithful few fought bravely, To guard the nation's life. Their gospel of redemption, Sin pardoned, man restored, Was all in this enfolded: One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

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Thy mercy will not fail us, Nor leave thy work undone; With Thy right hand to help us, Thy victory shall be won; And then, by all creation, Thy name shall be adored, And this shall be their anthem: One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

E. H. Plumptre, 1864

Responsive Reading	Psalm 147:12-20
	(NRSV)

Leader: Extol the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

#### People: For He strengthens the bars of your gates; He blesses your children within you.

Leader: He grants peace within your borders; He fills you with the finest of wheat.

# People: He sends out His command to the earth; His word runs swiftly.

Leader: He gives snow like wool; He scatters frost like ashes.

#### People: He hurls down hail like crumbs—who can stand before His cold?

Leader: He sends out His word and melts them; He makes His wind blow, and the waters flow.

People: He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and ordinances to Israel.

All: He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know His ordinances. Praise the Lord!

## Welcome

## Sharing Looking Back

## Hymn Shine, Jesus Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining In the midst of darkness shining Jesus, light of the world shine upon us Set us free by the truth You now bring us Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine Fill this land with the Fathers glory Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy Send forth Your word Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence From the shadows into Your radiance By the blood I may enter Your brightness Search me, try me, consume all my darkness Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness So our faces display Your likeness Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story Shine on me, shine on me *Graham Kendrick, b. 1950* 

## Sharing Looking Forward

# Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

## Selection

Sermon Rev. Trevor Edwards

#### Hymn of Response Baptist

#42 Baptist Hymnal

#### **B**e Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art; Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, Thy Presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word; Be Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord; Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son, Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight; Be Thou my whole Armor, be Thou my true Might; Be Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong Tow'r, O raise Thou me heav'nward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Be Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart, O High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won; Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be Thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Tr. Mary Bryan, 1881—1931

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

BENEDICTION

### PRAISE SONGS

#### 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your Name is great and Your heart is kind; For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come; Still my soul sings Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

#### In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied – For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine – Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand: Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

#### Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me Oh His love for me

CHORUS Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes I am Free at last He has ransomed me His grace runs deep While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes I am

In my Father's house There's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am

I am chosen Not forsaken I am who You say I am You are for me Not against me I am who You say I am

#### The Goodness of God

I love You, Lord Oh, Your mercy never failed me All my days, I've been held in Your hands From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

#### [Chorus]

And all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire And in darkest night You are close like no other I've known You as a Father I've known You as a Friend And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah

#### [Bridge]

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me Your goodness is running after, it's running after me With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now I give You everything 'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me, oh-ohh 'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me Your goodness is running after, it's running after me With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now I give You everything 'Cause Your goodness is running after (It keeps run-

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And all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing 'Cause all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

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# WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

9:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

### **Church Year Theme:** Keeping Faith With The Word In An Ever-Changing World: Pursuing Integrity

#### Theme for the Month: Fulfilling Promises



## Leader:

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Deacon Margaret Curtis Walker

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