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Worship Service and Picnic Celebration

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Welcome to Worship this Sunday Morning!

We welcome you as a child of God.
We hope you experience
God's love and grace in this holy place.

Gathering as a Community of God

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come here to rest in God.
MANY: GOD IS OUR STRONGHOLD!
One: We come in the midst of our pain.
MANY: GOD IS OUR SALVATION!
One: We come with our struggles.
MANY: GOD IS OUR ROCK!
One: We come with trust, seeking hope.
MANY: GOD IS OUR REFUGE!

CONGREGATION HYMNS..... "Holy Ground"
..... "Blessed Assurance"

Listening to God's Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GRACIOUS GOD, WHEN THE WORLD'S POLITICAL NOISE IS TURNED UP HIGH, WE COME NOT TO ESCAPE, BUT TO SEEK WISDOM, AND TO FOCUS ON THINGS THAT ARE WORTHY. DIAL DOWN THE DISTRACTIONS IN OUR MINDS. TUNE OUR SENSES TO YOUR WORD AND OUR HEARTS TO YOUR PRAISE. IN YOUR HOLY NAME WE PRAY. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE..... Psalm 62:5-8; Philippians 4:10-13 (GNT)
SONG..... Mother St. James Mighty Men's Choir
SERMON..... Pastor Steve and Pastor Gonzales
HYMN..... "My Life Flows On"

Feasting at God's Table

THE INVITATION Pastor Steve

HOLY COMMUNION

(Place offering in basket for your church as you come for communion.)

CONFESSION

YAHWEH, GOD WHO CREATED EVERYTHING THAT IS, WE CONFESS THAT WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE DISTRACTED AND DISCOURAGED AND WE DO NOT ENTER YOUR HOUSE WITH CELEBRATION, FILLED WITH JOY. WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE MORE OFTEN FILLED WITH GREED THAN WITH GRATITUDE. WE USE BELONGING AS A WEAPON, NOT A WELCOME. WE CONFESS THAT RATHER THAN TEACHING LOVE, WE TEACH HATE. WE ARE FAITHLESS. GOD, HAVE MERCY ON US, SINNERS. THOUGH WE FAIL, YOU ARE FAITHFUL THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS. HELP US TO REJOICE. GIVE US JUBILATION. FILL US WITH DELIGHT. RENEW US. FORGIVE US. THIS IS OUR PRAYER. THIS IS THE CRY OF OUR HEARTS.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE

Blessed are you...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,

HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

Holy are you...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN; CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

Pour out your Holy Spirit...Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HOLY IS YOUR NAME, YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD. FORGIVE US OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US. SAVE US FROM THE TIME OF TRIAL AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

SONG..... Mother St. James Mighty Men's Choir

PRAYER.....

ALMIGHTY GOD OF LOVE AND JOY, WE HAVE COME TO YOUR TABLE AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST. IN YOU, OUR CHURCHES BECOME ONE FAMILY WORKING TOGETHER TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN AND TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR US ALL. IN THE NAME OF THE LIVING CHRIST, LET IT BE SO! AMEN!

Go Tell

GOING FORTH *"My Hope Is Built"*

BENEDICTION Pastor Michael Gonzales