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### **Gathering Music**

### **Greeting and Announcements**

### **Transition to Worship**

### **Prelude**

### **\*\*Call to Worship**

**One:** Come to me and wait. I will give you instructions and commandments in written form.

**Many:** We come to you and we wait, to see and hear what you will say.

**One:** In days past, I wrote on stone tablets, but now I write my words upon your heart that you may teach them.

**Many:** We offer our hearts to receive your words, to listen and to learn. What we learn we will teach others.

**One:** Heaven is open above you and the kin-dom is within you.

**All:** Wherever we go, the kin-dom comes.

### **\*\*Opening Hymn**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

*Paul Baloche*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you, I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love as we sing. Holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
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Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

I want to see you.

## Children's Message

**Sending Song**                            **“Jesus Loves You”**                            ***NCH #327 (adapted)***

**Jesus loves you! This we know, for the Bible tells us so.**  
**Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.**  
**Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!**  
**Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so!**

## Scripture Readings

*Matthew 17:1-9*

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

*2 Peter 1:16-21*

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**Sermon**

“From Transfiguration to Transformation”

*Dr. Kelly Quick*

**\*\*Hymn of Reflection**

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

*UMH #176*

Musical score for a hymn, common time, two staves. Treble staff: Measure 1, G clef, 4/4, key signature B-flat. Measures 1-2, 3 measures of chords (G, C, F). Measure 3, lyrics: Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty; un - to. Bass staff: Measure 1, F clef, 4/4, key signature B-flat. Measures 1-2, 3 measures of chords (F, B-flat, E). Measure 3, lyrics: Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise. Treble staff: Measures 4-5, 3 measures of chords (G, C, F). Measure 6, lyrics: Maj - es - ty, king - dom au - thor - i - ty, flow from his throne un - to his own; Bass staff: Measures 4-5, 3 measures of chords (F, B-flat, E). Measure 6, lyrics: king - dom au - thor - i - ty, flow from his throne un - to his own; Treble staff: Measures 7-8, 3 measures of chords (G, C, F). Bass staff: Measures 7-8, 3 measures of chords (F, B-flat, E). Measure 9, lyrics: his an - them raise. Bass staff: Measures 7-8, 3 measures of chords (F, B-flat, E). Measure 9, lyrics: So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of. Treble staff: Measures 10-11, 3 measures of chords (G, C, F). Bass staff: Measures 10-11, 3 measures of chords (F, B-flat, E). Measure 12, lyrics: Je - sus. Bass staff: Measures 10-11, 3 measures of chords (F, B-flat, E). Measure 12, lyrics: Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the King.

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty,  
 Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

WORDS: Jack Hayford, 1981

MUSIC: Jack Hayford, 1981; arr. by Eugene Thomas, 1981

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## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Spoken Prayer and 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### Invitation to the Offering

This is the moment we've been waiting for. The space and time where we get to give back to the Holy One out of that which the Holy One has given to us. The wait is over, now let us offer our time, talent, and treasure with joy! Amen.

### Offertory

"He Never Failed Me Yet"

*Robert Ray*

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**\*\*Presentation and Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

*UMH #95*

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Patient One, receive these gifts that we could hardly wait to give you. May they be used  
to meet the needs of those who have been waiting for relief.**

**\*\*Closing Hymn**

**“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

*UMH #103*

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want-ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 (1 Tim. 1:17)  
 MUSIC: Welsh melody from *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. by John Roberts

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## \*\*Benediction

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