

Service for the Lord's Day

Rally Day

GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome (Please sign the friendship pad)

Prelude *Children of the Heavenly Father* Robert Hobby

Call to Worship

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

We are standing in God's presence, alert and ready to receive God's word.

The night is passing. The day of salvation is near.

We seek to live as people of light and hope.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 26 *Earth and All Stars* DEXTER

*Facing Our Sin and Trusting God's Grace

God of light and life, you set before us today the challenge of laying aside the works of darkness and putting on the light of Christ. As the people of God in this place, we know that a crucial part of our witness is in revealing Christ to the world through the way we love and care for one another. Forgive us when people do not see any evidence in us of your love and grace. So many people today grope helplessly in the gloom of despair and suffering, yearning for the light of hope to dawn in their lives. Remind us that the light of Christ shines through people like us. *(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

*Kyrie (Hymn 695) *Change My Heart, O God* Eddie Espinosa

Change my heart, O God; _____ make it ev-er true. _____ Change my heart, O God;
_____ may I be like you. _____ You are the Pot - ter; I am the
clay. Mold me and make _____ me; this is what I pray. _____

(*All who are able may stand.)

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

(Passing the peace is more than a greeting. It is a ritual acting out of Jesus' call to love and forgive others, as we have been loved. We offer God's peace to one another in the ancient words of the church: "The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.")

*Response to God's Grace (Hymn 19) *God of Great and God of Small* Natalie Sleeth

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be-long,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

PROCLAMATION

Message for Children

Commissioning of Christian Education Leaders (see insert)

New Testament Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

Pew Bible, NT, page 162

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed

Betty Connette

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

(pg. 35 in front of hymnal)

*Hymn 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

Sharing Pastoral Concerns and Joys

Prayers of the People and 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.

