Organ Prelude
Words of Welcome and Announcements
Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: (responsive)
   One: This is the day of our God: let us rejoice and be glad in it.
   All: All our days belong to our Creator, and we honour Christ in our thanks for them.
   One: Let us observe the day in communion with God and with all our sisters and brothers.
   All: We open our hearts and lives to God and to those who worship with us.
   One: None of us live to ourselves and none of us die to ourselves.
   All: If we live, we live to Christ and if we die, we die to Christ.
   One: Jesus reigns over the dead and over the living and we must account for ourselves through Christ.
   All: Let every tongue give praise to God and every knee bow before God’s judgment.

Prayer of Approach: (in unison)
   O God, be with us this day as we seek to open ourselves to your love and your wholeness. Be with us as we set aside our everyday worries and concerns and concentrate on your forgiveness and loving-kindness. Create in us anew a sense of meaning and purpose. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: The Living God Be Praised  ~  VU 255

The living God be praised, who reigns enthroned above,
ancient of everlasting days, and God of love.
Jehovah, great I Am! By earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will:
in prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
inscribed upon the human heart, on sea, on land.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name;
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same.

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31

Call to Confession
   One: Some of us are haunted by the evil we have done to others. Some harbour hatred against a sister or brother. Some of us fear any whose ways are strange to us. Some are tired of forgiving again and again. All of us are in debt to a loving God who never gives up on us. Let us seek to make things right once more in our relationship with God and all humankind.

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)
   Loving and patient God, we are back again with the same problem. We are cut off from full communion with you and one another because of our evil thoughts and deeds. We have spoken harshly and judged unfairly those sisters and brothers who need our love. We have inflicted hurt and made unfair demands. Forgive, we pray, the transgressions of your servants, and move us to appreciate your generosity. For our sake, and in Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.
Litany of Assurance: (responsive)

One: It is because Jesus Christ pays the last full measure that our sins are forgiven.

All: This gift of forgiveness makes us able, with the power of Holy Spirit, to choose to forgive, renew and live again in right relationship with each other and with our God.

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Offertory Invitation:

One: Moses led his people to freedom by reminding them they were not slaves but liberators. Let us place ourselves in this sacred story as we share our resources for the task of liberation.

Offertory: The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him all creatures here below!
Praise him above ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

Memorials Received to the Memorial Fund in Loving Memory of:

Judy Starkes from Wesley Male Choir

Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)

God of all good gifts, we have been all too eager, in our lives, to pay back evil for evil, and slow to pay back your goodness to us. We are so far in debt to you that we can never give enough or do enough to deserve any further consideration from you. Yet, you continue to care for us and comfort us, showing mercy and kindness day after day. Receive these gifts, and those given through PAR, as an outpouring of our gratitude. Amen.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 14:1-12 ~ Jennifer Pinsent-Barnes

Responsive Reading: Exodus 15:1-13 (Song of the Sea) ~ VU 876-877 ~ Jennifer Pinsent-Barnes

One: I will sing to God, who has triumphed gloriously. Horse and rider are thrown into the sea.

All: God is my strength, my song, my salvation.

One: This is my God, whom I will praise, our parents’ God, whom I will exalt.

All: God is a warrior: Eternal is God’s name.

One: Pharaoh’s chariots and his army are cast into the sea; his chosen officers are sunk in the Red Sea.

All: The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone,

One: Your right hand, O God, glorious in power, your right hand, shattered the enemy.

All: In your great majesty you overthrew your foes; you sent out your fury and consumed them like stubble.

One: At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up.

All: The floods stood in a heap; the deeps concealed in the heart of the sea.

One: The enemy said, “I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.”

All: You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

One: Who is like you, O God, among the gods? Who is like you

All: Majestic in holiness, awesome in splendour, wonderful in action?

One: With constant love you led the people you redeemed.

All: You guide them by your strength to your holy dwelling.
One: You bring them in and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance,
All: The place you made your dwelling, the sanctuary your hands have established.

Gloria Patri: (in unison)
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

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Sermon

Hymn: How Firm A Foundation ~ VU 660

How firm a foundation, you servants of God, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can be said than to you has been said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:
the flame shall not hurt you, I only design your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not -- I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake, I'll never -- no, never -- no, never forsake!"

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness ~ VU 288

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator, there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.

Commissioning

Benediction