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Wisdom
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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

Fanfare

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Welcome

† **Opening Hymn**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.

Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;

changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Celebration of Holy Baptism

Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scriptures

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (CEB)

There's a season for everything
and a time for every matter under the heavens:
a time for giving birth and a time for dying,
a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted,
a time for killing and a time for healing,
a time for tearing down and a time for building up,
a time for crying and a time for laughing,
a time for mourning and a time for dancing,
a time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones,
a time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces,
a time for searching and a time for losing,
a time for keeping and a time for throwing away,
a time for tearing and a time for repairing,
a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking,
a time for loving and a time for hating,
a time for war and a time for peace.

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Special Music

On Eagle's Wings
Randy Seward, Soloist

Michael Joncas/ Arr. Mark Hayes
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Message

Inspired: Wisdom Stories

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Goldberg Variations BWV 988 "Variation 9"

J.S. Bach

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† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Prayer of Confession

All: O God of all seasons and purposes under heaven, we come to this day mindful of the things we have done and left undone in the past. Forgive the times when we did not reach out in love to the least of your sons and daughters. Forgive us O God, when we closed our eyes to the sight of people living in rags on the street; when we stopped our ears to cries of those who are lonely; when we turned away from the most vulnerable. Help us to see you in everyone we meet. Help us to be your hands, feet and voice in this world. May we work for a world where no one is a stranger, and where all will be welcomed into your glory. Amen.

One: Our God is a God of compassion and love, ready to forgive all who truly repent and desire to live a life of justice and love. The God who calls us to be members of God's family, will welcome us with open arms of grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

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1. This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.
2. For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.
3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointments, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.

4. Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Postlude in Eb Major

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