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Welcome

Call to Worship

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All: Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

***Hymn 61** **Come, Thou Almighty King**

***Affirmation of Faith 883**

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who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death,
in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Exodus 20:1-17
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Faith Like a Child

***Passing the Peace**

***Hymn** **Gifts of Love Our Lord has Given**
(sung to "Lord, I Want To Be a Christian")

**Gifts of love our Lord has given, Words of life: "I'm your God!
I have brought you out of Egypt; now I call.
Listen here, listen well:
When you live in gratitude you'll keep my law."**

**"Have no other gods before me, says the Lord God Most High.
Don't choose idols that you worship in God's place.
Know God's name, use it well.
Keep the Sabbath for it is God's gift of grace."**

**"Do not steal from one another, nor speak lies, hurting others;
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Ten great Words, gifts from God,
Help us live in thanks for all we have received.**

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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. (Matthew 6:9-13)**

A Time of Giving
Offertory

Children of the Heavenly Father
Dan Forrest, arranger

***Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

***Hymn 451** **Be Thou My Vision**

***Benediction**
Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what will we do?
We will go out to be God's people in the world.
May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

Congregational Closing **Let There Be Peace on Earth**
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
With every breath I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
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***Postlude** **Come, Thou Almighty King**
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Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark, Jordon Woods, helper
Choir: Cornerstone Youth Choir, Erin Ypya, director, Dawen Li, accompanist
Instrumentalist: Elaine Johnson, Matthew Roth, Linda Moore
Acolyte: Canon Hamilton
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WE PROCLAIM

Sacrament of Baptism
John Anders Hamilton, son of Kimberly and Parker Hamilton

Baptismal Hymn 191 (vs. 1)		Jesus Loves Me	
Congregational Response			
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WE RESPOND	
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Go walk with God in all you do, and may God’s love bring joy to you. May gifts of peace fill all your days, and may God’s truth guide you always.	
O may the grace of Christ our Lord, the wondrous love that comes from God, the Spirit’s fellowship now be God’s gifts to you eternally.	
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