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Prelude

Stephanie Shorden

Threshold Song

I Believe

***Call to Worship**

Norm Thom

Leader: Awesome Love, enter our lives

People: and open us to the gifts residing deep within the Holy Darkness of our lives.

Leader: Form us as expectant people,
watching for your presence among us

People: that comes through quiet intuition or thunderous “a-ha’s.”

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We shall rejoice and be glad in it!

***Hymn**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

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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;

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.

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Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

I want to see you. I want to see you.

(Repeat)

Mystery Box

Hymn

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

v. 2,5,6 UMH #122

WORDS: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983 © 1983 Jaroslav J. Vajda

2. God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save

5. God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace

6. God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

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 to trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever.

Scripture Reading

Job 37:1-5

Norm Thom

“At this also my heart trembles and leaps out of its place. Listen, listen to the thunder of his voice and the rumbling that comes from his mouth. Under the whole heaven he lets it loose, and his lightning to the corners of the earth. After it his voice roars; he thunders with his majestic voice, and he does not restrain the lightnings when his voice is heard. God thunders wondrously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: May the words of my mouth,

People: and the meditations of all of our hearts

All: be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our rock and our redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

Message

The Gift of Being Thunderstruck

Rev. David Petty

Invitation to Offering

Norm Thom

Offertory

Sanctuary Choir

Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

Rev. David Petty

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Hymn**

For the Beauty of the Earth

v. 1,4,5 UMH #92

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

5. For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love;

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

***Benediction**

Rev. David Petty

Postlude

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