

## Organ Prelude

## Praise Song

## Welcome

## The People Gather

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

L: This is a day of new beginnings!

**P: This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.**

L: Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship

**P: Let us be prepared for service to God. AMEN.**

## Hymn

## The People Pray

**Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of Your creation. We have been awed by a solar eclipse. Make our hearts ready to receive Your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve You all of our days, looking forward to that day when You and Your Church are reunited. AMEN.**

## Special Music

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Word of God for the People of God

## Scripture

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers and sisters, we want you to know about people who have died<sup>[a]</sup> so that you won't mourn like others who don't have any hope. <sup>14</sup> Since we believe that Jesus died and rose, so we also believe that God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus. <sup>15</sup> What we are saying is a message from the Lord: we who are alive and still around at the Lord's coming definitely won't go ahead of those who have died. <sup>16</sup> This is because the Lord himself will come down from heaven with the signal of a shout by the head angel and a blast on God's trumpet. First, those who are dead in Christ will rise. <sup>17</sup> Then, we who are living and still around will be taken up together with them in the clouds to meet with the Lord in the air. That way we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> So encourage each other with these words.

Matthew 24:42-44

Therefore, stay alert! You don't know what day the Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But you understand that if the head of the house knew at what time the thief would come, he would keep alert and wouldn't allow the thief to break into his house. <sup>44</sup> Therefore, you also should be prepared, because the Human One<sup>[a]</sup> will come at a time you don't know.

Message      The Coming of the King

## The People Go into The World

## Praise Song

## Benediction

## Organ Postlude