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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



September 9, 2018



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Welcome to Worship!

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Gathering

OPENING *Let All the Earth*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRAISE *Oh Lord You're Beautiful
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SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Holy Spirit Rain Down*

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SERMON *"LIVIE BEAUTIFULLY: In Covenant"*

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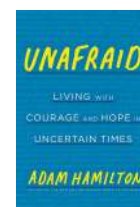
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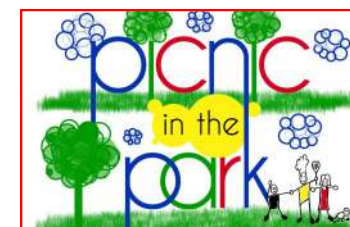
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PRELUDE *Here I Am to Worship* Tim Hughes/arr. Mark Hayes

INTROIT *Awesome God* TFWS #2040

Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love. Our God is an awesome God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

With hearts open and ready to hear,
we come into the presence of God.
With faith and trust in Christ who calls us,
we come to listen and learn.

*OPENING HYMN *Where Charity and Love Prevail* verses 1-5 No. 549

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

OPENING PRAYER

Generous God, give us the gift of your presence and your wisdom.
Flow through our worship and our lives with the power of your Holy Spirit.
Touch our lives with your teachings, speak through our words, and reveal to our hearts your message this day. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Patti Melsheimer

*Nursery care is available
Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time*

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Make Us One* TFWS #2224
 Congregational Prayer
 Choral Response *Make Us One* TFWS #2224

CHORAL ANTHEM *Lift Up a Song to the Lord* Larry Shackley

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HYMN (remain seated) *The Servant Song* verses 1-4 TFWS #2222

SERMON *LIVE BEAUTIFULLY: In Covenant*

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
 Offertory *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* Plumtre/Messiter

*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

*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.*

*CLOSING HYMN *O Church of God, United* No. 547

***BENEDICTION**

As Christ calls us to open our hearts,
may we open ourselves to the ones who need us most.
 As God leads us forth with generous grace,
may we go to live generously with all.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Bind Us Together* TFWS #2226

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
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 There is only one God, there is only one King;
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POSTLUDE *How Majestic is Your Name* Michael W. Smith



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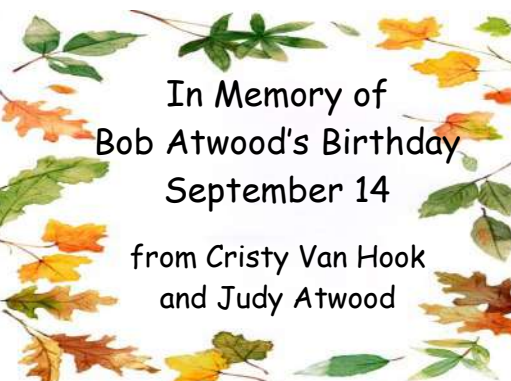
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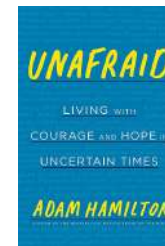
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