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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

God is ALWAYS faithful.

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Welcome to Worship!

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Music by the Lord's Crew

Gathering

*OPENING PRAISE *Everybody Ought to Know*

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ENDOWMENT WORD

Wayne Huggins

*PRAISE *Forever*
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Jesus Be the Center*

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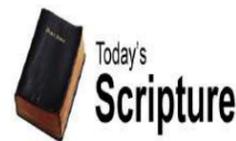
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CENTERING WORDS

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calling us to center on the truth of where our allegiance lies.

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ENDOWMENT WORD

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PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Croly / Atkinson

INTROIT

I Sing Praises to Your Name

Terry MacAlmon

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth has its kings, but God is ruler of all.

Praise God, who is the giver of life!

The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,
but God's presence is more profound than the earth itself.

Come into God's presence, for God is among us now.

Come to the rock, the God of life,
for God is present now.

O God, show us your glory; we seek your ways.

*OPENING HYMN

O Worship the King

No. 73

OPENING PRAYER *(seated)*

Loving, living God, be among us now.

Show us your ways and guide our steps.

Grant your people steadfast faithfulness,
generous hearts, and willing hands .

Help us hear your words,
even as you challenge us to share
the things that are yours.

For all that we are, and all that we have,
are gifts from you—

gifts to be shared in service and love. 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 *His Name is Wonderful* No. 174
 Congregational Prayer
 Choral Response *His Name is Wonderful* No. 174

CHORAL ANTHEM *A Gospel Alleluia* Green / Raney

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
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HYMN (*remain seated*) *Rock of Ages* No. 361

SERMON *MIND OF CHRIST: "Faithfulness"*

...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
 for it is God who is at work in you...

—Philippians 2:12-13

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
 Offertory *Where He Leads Me I Will Follow* John S. Norris
 *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.*

*HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* No. 451

*BENEDICTION

Go into the world, showering those in need with your works of faith.

We go forth to serve as a labor of love.

Be steadfast in hope, and full of conviction.

We depart with joy, trusting that God will guide along the way.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *There's Something About That Name* No. 171

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!

Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:

Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,

but there's something about that name!

POSTLUDE *O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* Thomas J. Williams,
 arr. Joel Raney



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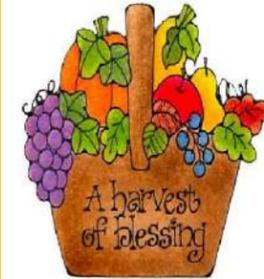
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