

1. *Gathering Music

W&S #3112, Breathe

*This is the air I breathe. This is the air I breathe. Your holy presence Living in me.
This is my daily bread. This is my daily bread. Your very word Spoken to me.
And I... I'm desperate for you. And I... I'm lost without you.*

10,000 Reasons

[refrain] *Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.*

1. *The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes* [refrain].

2. *You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your Name is great and Your heart is kind; For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find* [refrain].

3. *And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come; Still my soul sings Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore* [refrain].

W&S #3152, Welcome

*Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin.
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace.
Singing welcome, welcome to this place. You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share.
'Cause all of us are welcome here. All are welcome in this place.*

2. *Call to Worship

Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.
We come to be cleansed and made whole.

Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.
We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity.
We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.
We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

3. Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world. We would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability; who tickled and cuddled and comforted the growing child, that he might know love and safety. Forgive us whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions, find our own need for control more compelling than the needs of others for health and safety, whenever we cling to the security of our privilege, rather than standing up for the rights of the oppressed, and whenever we are complicit in the harming of innocents for the sake of profit, or power.

God's light is present in this world, in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness, and in the star, that guides us to love. God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it. God's grace is in the world, and our missteps will not overcome it. We are loved; we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

4. *Hymn "Spirit Song" UMH #347

1. *Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love; Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.*

2. *Oh, come and sing the song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. Oh, give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain, And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.*

5. Faith in Action

6. Scripture Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

7. Children's Time
(As children come forward) "Yes, Jesus loves us (x3). The Bible tells us so."
(As children return) "God is watching over you...each day."

8. Sermon "Do Not Assume Anything" Pastor Sunmin

9. *Hymn UMH #189, Fairest Lord Jesus (1, 3, 4)

1. *Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

3. *Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.*

4. *Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,*

10. *Offering UMH #94, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
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!
11. *Prayer of Dedication
Faithful and Calling God, continue to draw us into community, into covenant, and into new life through waters of grace and acts of justice. Use these offerings to fulfill your righteousness among us and make us instruments of healing, hope, and holy change. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.
12. Prayer Concern *"Lord, in Your Mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**"*
13. Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
14. *A Hymn of Your Choice *(First Shout, First Sung Basis)*
15. *Benediction & Postlude



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