

1. *Gathering Music

W&S #3186, Days of Elijah

1. *These are the days of Elijah. Declaring the word of the Lord. And these are the days of Your servant Moses, Righteousness being restored. And though these are days of great trial. Of famine and darkness and sword. Still, we are the voice in the desert, crying "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"*

[Refrain] *Behold, He comes riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun at the trumpet call. Lift your voice, the year of jubilee. And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes.*

2. *And these are the days of Ezekiel. The dry bones becoming as flesh. And these are the days of Your servant David, Rebuilding a temple of praise. And these are the days of the harvest. For the fields are as white in Your world. And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, Declaring the word of the Lord! [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

Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.

We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.

The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right and true.

The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God.

We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.

Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.

Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together! Amen.

3. Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

O Lord, you are our shepherd, And yet we want. We lie down when we could

act, We stir the pot when we could offer peace, We wander tempting paths instead of following you. We seek courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you. We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them, We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance. We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy, So that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever.

Although we do not deserve it, God calls us God's sons and daughters. Though we have turned away, God still calls us. Whenever we come with a contrite heart, God forgives us. Let us return to the Lord and receive forgiveness. In God, through Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

4. *Hymn (1, 2, 4)

UMH #578, *God of Love and God of Power*

1. *God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.*

2. *We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee; give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.*

4. *God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour; offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.*

5. Faith in Action

6. Scripture Lesson 16:1-13

First Samuel

7. Children's Time

(As children come forward)
(As children return)

"Yes, Jesus loves us (x3). The Bible tells us so."
"God is watching over you...each day."

8. Sermon Sunmin

Pastor

9. *Hymn (1, 3, 5)

W&S #3149, *A Place at the Table*

1. *For everyone born, a place at the table. For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.*

[Refrain] *And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

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