

1. \*Gathering Music

Faires Lord Jesus

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.*

2. *Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

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, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.*

Days of Elijah (W&S 3186)

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]*

Welcome (W&S 3152)

*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. \*Passing the Peace of Christ

3. \*Call to Worship

L: Open your hearts to God's love today.

**P: In the midst of winter darkness, we seek the brightness of God's love.**

L: Don't be afraid. God is with you.

**P: With the Lord's help, we can overcome the darkness.**

L: The Lord is your light and your salvation.

**P: Even though everything around us is disturbing, yet God's love is constant. Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

4. Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

There is a certain winter in our spirits today, O Lord. We feel that the journey on which we have embarked will demand too much of us. There are so many other things in our lives which claim our spirits, our energy, our hopes and fears. The world shouts its solutions to us and then deserts us when we are in need. Forgive us for the many times in which we have strayed from your pathway of life; when we have chosen not to hear the cries of those in need; when we have belittled the gifts and skills you have given us in order to avoid serving others. Heal us, O Lord. Place us back on your path to Jerusalem, to live.

When God called our name, God called us to a journey of faith. Let us not be afraid to look inside to see those things which are holding us back from being who God created us to be. Let us place our trust in God who is always with us, loving us into wholeness. AMEN.

5. \*Hymn

UMH 408, *The Gift of Love*

1. *Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

2. *Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

3. *Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.*

6. Announcements

7. Scripture Lesson

Romans 12:14-21

8. Sermon

*Brave Talk (1/3)*

Pastor Sunmin

9. Hymn


UMH 402, *Lord, I Want To Be a Christian*

1. *Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

2. *Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.*



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