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**PRESBYTERIAN**  

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**CHURCH**

*Welcome*

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,  
and make Him known.

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome

Eddie Spencer

Lighting of the Candles

Violet Hamilton

Prelude and Preparation for Worship

ADELAIDE

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord* (stanzas 1 & 2)

Chimes of the Trinity

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 46:1-3, 7, 10-11

**Leader:** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth gives way, and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

**All: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**Leader:** The Lord says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

**All: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 579**

ST. DENIO

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51:1-2

**All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of the Gospel

Ephesians 2:1, 4, 8, 9

**Leader:** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins... but because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions...for it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

**\*Song of Response No. 676**

*Oh, How I love Jesus*

Whitfield

Prayers for the People and Nation

## ~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

**Word with our Children**

Michelle Walker

### **\*Scripture Reading**

Philippians 4:10-13

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

“Contentment”

Eddie Spencer

## ~ Responding to the Word of God ~

### **\*Hymn of Response No. 947**

Moes

*We Receive Your Blessing*

### **\*Prayer and Benediction**

### **\*Postlude**

*Rejoice! Be Glad!*

Kendall

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bill Hammond’s birthday by his family.

**Lord Jesus**, there have been many days in history that stand out as graphic expressions of the nature of evil and the need for redemption. September 11, 2001 is on that list. As we remember that day of extreme terror and trauma, even more so, we choose to remember You, Jesus, and the glory of Your now-and-coming Kingdom. In full view of evil’s worst expression, You provided the greatest redemption. And now, You call us to work for peace—a profound hope, not Pollyanna hype.

We believe this because, Jesus, You are the Prince of Peace—the archetypal Peacemaker. You have come to restore broken things and make all things new—to bring New Creation delight from old creation decay.

Your death on the cross was the ultimate “peace sowing.” As You died, taking the judgment we deserve, our Father planted You as the “seed” which secured an eternal harvest of redemption and restoration. Your death was the death of death; and Your resurrection is the first fruits of forever peace and a perfect world.

Because of You, Jesus, terror is terrified, and trauma is traumatized. Indeed, because of You, one Day there will be no more human trafficking, international bombast, or hurricanes of any kind. Suicide bombings, suicide, and depression itself, will never happen again.

We cry aloud, “Maranatha!” Come, Lord Jesus, come! Until that Day, give us all the mercy, grace, and peace we need to live and love to Your glory. So very Amen we pray, in Your triumphant and tender name. (adapted from Scotty Smith)

\*All who are able please stand  
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