

**March 30, 2008**

*Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. —Luke 6: 21*  
*Heaven-throned God breaks out laughing. —Psalm 2: 4*

***Gathering and Praising***

**Music for Meditation**

*Be receptive to the Spirit of God as worship begins  
with Music for Meditation*

**Prelude and Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**\*Call to Worship:**

One: Clap your hands, all you nations;  
shout to God with cries of joy!

**All: *How majestic is the Lord Most High;  
how mighty is the great Sovereign over all the earth!***

One: Sing praises to God;  
sing psalms in God's honor.

**All: *God reigns over the nations;  
God is exalted over all.***

***Praise the Lord, all people;  
praise God's everlasting name!***

**\*Invocation**

**\*Hymn:** *Lo, a gleam from yonder heaven* #591

**First Scripture Reading:** *1 John 1: 1-4, from The Message*

**Songs of Praise:** *The joy of the Lord* #109 (Songbook)  
*Hallelujah! We sing your praises* #1059 (HS)

***Affirmation Litany***

*"We affirm"* #710

***Proclaiming***

**Children's story**

**Scripture:**

*John 20: 19-31*

**Message:**

*Holy Humor*

**Hymn:**

*I know that my Redeemer lives*

Kids' jokes

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***Praying***

**"For this we rejoice..."**

**"For this we pray..."**

**Prayer for all God's children**

***Offering***

**Invitation to Giving**

**Offertory**

**\*Offertory Response:**

*Grant us, Lord*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

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***Sending***

**\*Hymn:**

*You shall go out with joy*

#427

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Christ's light out into the world**

**\*Postlude**

\*Please stand as you are able.

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Please join us after the service for a time of fellowship and refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.