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## Gathering

### Greeting

### Prelude

*I Will Call upon the Lord*

### Call to Worship (from Exodus 15)

*The LORD is my strength and my power;*

**God has become my salvation.**

*This is my God, whom I will praise,*

**the God of my ancestors, whom I will acclaim.**

*The LORD is a warrior;*

**the LORD is God's name.**

*Who is like you among the gods, LORD?*

**Who is like you, foremost in holiness,**

**worthy of highest praise, doing awesome deeds?**

### Hymn (sung responsively)

*I Will Call upon the Lord*

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*Leader: I will call upon the Lord,* **ALL:** I will call upon the Lord,

*Leader: who is worthy to be praised,* **ALL:** who is worthy to be praised.

*Leader: So shall I be saved from my enemies.* **ALL:** So shall I be saved from my enemies.

**ALL:**

I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;  
and let the God of my salvation be the exalted.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;  
and let the God of my salvation be the exalted.

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### Introduction to the Psalm

### Scripture Reading – Psalm 114

### Question for Reflection *When might nature celebrate with humanity? And why?*

### Song for Reflection

*God, the Sculptor of the Mountains*

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1. God the sculptor of the mountains,  
God the miller of the sand,  
God the jeweler of the heavens,  
God the potter of the land:  
you are womb of all creation,  
we are formless; shape us now.

2. God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,  
God the cleaver of the sea,  
God the pillar in the darkness,  
God the beacon of the free:  
you are fount of all deliv'rance,  
we are sightless; lead us now.

4. God the unexpected infant,  
God the calm, determined youth,  
God the table-turning prophet,  
God the resurrected truth:  
you are present every moment,  
we are searching; meet us now.

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## Proclamation

### Prayer for Illumination

God, you are the power of liberation,  
calling your servant Moses to lead your people into freedom,  
and giving him the wisdom to proclaim your holy law.  
Be our Passover from the land of injustice,  
be the light that leads us to the perfect rule of love,  
that we may be citizens of your unfettered reign;  
we ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the pioneer of our salvation. Amen.

### Introduction to the Scripture Lesson

Listen to the story from the perspective of one of the characters: Pharaoh, Moses, Aaron, Miriam, a Hebrew slave, a Hebrew child, an Egyptian soldier, or an Egyptian military leader. Be aware of these things as you listen to the story as your chosen character:

- What did you see or hear during these events?
  - What questions might you have asked?
    - What challenged you?
    - What frightened you?
    - What comforted you?

### Scripture Reading – Exodus 14:19-31

#### Song

I will sing unto the LORD,  
for he has triumphed gloriously,  
the horse and rider thrown into the sea.  
I will sing unto the LORD,  
for he has triumphed gloriously,  
the horse and rider thrown into the sea.  
The LORD, my God, my strength and song,  
has now become my victory.

#### *I Will Sing unto the Lord*

The LORD, my God, my strength and song,  
has now become my victory.

The LORD is God, and I will praise him,  
our covenant God, and I will exalt him.

The LORD is God, and I will praise him,  
our covenant God, and I will exalt him.

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#### Message

#### *Crossing Seas of Fears*

### Response

#### Song

Higher than the mountains that I face,  
stronger than the power of the grave,  
constant in the trial and the change,  
one thing remains; one thing remains.  
Your love never fails; it never gives up,  
never runs out on me.  
Your love never fails; it never gives up,  
never runs out on me.  
Your love never fails; it never gives up,  
never runs out on me, your love.  
On and on and on and on it goes.  
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul,  
and I never ever have to be afraid.  
One thing remains; one thing remains.  
Your love never fails; it never gives up,  
never runs out on me.  
Your love never fails; it never gives up,  
never runs out on me.  
Your love never fails; it never gives up,  
never runs out on me, your love.

#### *One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)*

In death, in life, I'm confident and  
cover'd by the power of your great love.  
My debt is paid; there's nothing that  
can separate my heart from your great love.  
In death, in life, I'm confident and  
cover'd by the power of your great love.  
My debt is paid; there's nothing that  
can separate my heart from your great love.  
Your love never fails; it never gives up,  
never runs out on me.  
Your love never fails; it never gives up,  
never runs out on me.  
Your love never fails; it never gives up,  
never runs out on me, your love.  
Higher than the mountains that I face,  
stronger than the power of the grave,  
constant in the trial and the change,  
one thing remains, one thing remains, your love.

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## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Anthem

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Ch. Gabriel

### Passing the Peace

### Invitation to Offering

### Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him all creatures here below,  
praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

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### Prayer

## Sending

### Song

*We Are Singing*

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We are singing, for the Lord is our light,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, for the Lord is our light,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, oh,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, oh,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.

1. The Lord is the strength of our lives;  
of whom shall we be afraid?  
Though foes may be near to destroy;  
the Lord will be our light.

We are singing, for the Lord is our light,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, for the Lord is our light,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, oh,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, oh,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.

2. One thing have we asked of the Lord,  
yes, this is the thing we seek:  
To dwell in the house of the Lord;  
to live with God forever.

We are singing, for the Lord is our light,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, for the Lord is our light,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, oh,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, oh,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.

3. When burdens are heavy to bear,  
our shelter is God alone.  
Our feet are lifted high;  
yes, high upon a rock.

We are singing, for the Lord is our light,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, for the Lord is our light,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, oh,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, oh,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.

4. We walk in the strength of the Lord,  
God's love is ever sure.  
We shout that the world may hear,  
we sing a joyful song.

We are singing, for the Lord is our light,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, for the Lord is our light,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, oh,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, oh,  
we are singing, for the Lord is our light.

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**Blessing**

**Postlude**

*We Are Singing*

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**We will also continue to offer real-time live-streamed services on Facebook, YouTube, and our church website, and will continue to offer a phone-in option on Sundays at 11:00 am.**

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