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WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Collins

O Lord, open my lips. **And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever; **who executes justice for the oppressed;**
who gives food to the hungry and lifts up those who are bowed down.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.

*Prayer for the Day

Centering Prayer

As we pray in silence you are invited to concentrate on your breath, clear your minds, and focus on God's presence already in our midst.

*HYMN

**O splendor of God's glory bright,
from light eternal bringing light;
O Light of Light, light's living spring,
true Day, all days illumining:**
**Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love,
rain down your radiance from above,
and to our inward hearts convey
the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.**

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright | No. 666
**O joyful be the passing day
with thoughts as clear as morning's ray,
with faith like noontide shining bright,
our souls unshadowed by the night.**
**O Lord, with each returning morn,
your image to our heart is born;
O may we ever clearly view
our Savior and our God in you.**

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright
TEXT: Ambrose of Milan c. 374; trans. Composite
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the Gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled with you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people and your creation, far and near.

Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others that we may see your kingdom come on earth. Amen. *(A time for silent confession)*

POURING OF THE WATER

Because of the grace we receive in baptism, we have nothing to fear.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He who gave himself willingly upon the cross did so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. Therefore, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

**Glory to God,
whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit,
whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me | No. 582
**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace | Grace Choir
Words and Music adapt. by S. Temple; Arr. by A. V. Fedak

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 145:8-13a

HYMN

God of the Sparrow | No. 22

**God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise**

**God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save**

**God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks**

**God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life**

**God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace**

**God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
 I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
 whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth,
 the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;
 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.
 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
 The Lord watches over the strangers; God upholds the orphan and the widow,
 But the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.
 The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Glory to God | p. 35

**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 debts,
 as we forgive our debtors
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory forever. Amen.**

NOISY OFFERING

*CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision | No.450

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 naught be all else to me,
 save that thou art;
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
 Be thou my wisdom,
 and thou my true Word;
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 Thou my soul's shelter,
 and thou my high tower;
 raise thou me heavenward,**

**O Power of my power.
 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
 thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
 Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
 High King of Heaven,
 my treasure thou art.
 High King of Heaven, my victory won,
 may I reach heaven's joys,
 O bright heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

SEP 29 - OCT 6

Event & Celebrations

SUN 29	TUE 1	WED 2
NOISY OFFERING Sunday Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship Hour, 11:00AM NA of EP, 3:00PM	GraceB4Work, 7:00AM BIRTHDAY Eyram Mantey	Deacons, 6:00PM
THU 3	SAT 5	SUN 6
Quilter's Board, 6:00PM		World Communion Sunday Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship Potluck, 11:00AM NA of EP, 3:00PM

Prayers & Concerns

Bob Hedicke	Mildred Helm	Barbara Frey	Pete McMillan	Billy Beard
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office@epgrace.com. For all offerings given in any form, thank you!

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor — Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith
Music Director — Brittney Williams
Additional Accompaniment — Bill Rose

Liturgist — Nancy Collins
Accompanist/Pianist — Patricia Provencio
Technology — Bob Jones & Jim Collins