

*The asterisk (\*) indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Lifting Up our Hearts**

*Your paths are straight and true, O God; they guide all who seek the way of salvation. By your mercy you instruct your children how to pursue steadfast love and faithfulness. Upheld by your covenant and enlightened by your testimony, we live securely in your goodness and truth. Hear us now as we lift our souls in praise to you. Accept our glad adoration, and teach us your will. Amen.*

## **Gathering Music**

### **Gathering Up**

**Music for Centering**

“Lamb of God”

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Pause for Poetry**

Jacquie D’Angelo

## **Entering God’s Presence**

“God, Be Merciful To Me”

Richard Redhead, 1853

God, be merciful to me,  
On thy grace I rest my plea;  
Plenteous in compassion thou,  
Blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within,  
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

## **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. Lead the humble and teach them your way.

**People: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

Leader: For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

**People: Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep your decrees.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**We Acknowledge What’s Up****\*Call to Confession**

**People: When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary  
When troubles come and my heart burdened be  
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence  
Until You come and sit awhile with me**

**You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains  
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas  
I am strong, when I am on Your shoulders  
You raise me up to more than I can be**

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**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Loving God, we come before you needing to feel lighter. We are weighed down with expectations and difficult news. Sometimes it is our own doing that weighs us down. In this moment of quiet, we lift up to you those things we’d like to give up for good ... for the sake of The Good. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**Leader: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.**

**People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen!**

**\*Response Hymn**

“Change My Heart, O God”

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**The Word Uplifts****Prayer for Illumination****What’s Up? with Children****Scripture Reading**

Mark 1:9-15

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# Music for Soaring

“In My Quiet Place”

Dottie Pickering, 2019

In my quiet place, where God is there, I long to go and pray,  
And to talk with him who loves me so and guides me day to day.  
In my quiet place, I sit and think and wonder what to do,  
With all the worries of the world, he'll always lead me through.  
In my quiet place, he whispers, in the music, there's a song.  
In the dimness, there's a light aglow, showing God's there all along.  
In my quiet place, I love to go, to talk to God above,  
I can hear him speak and always there's a deep and gentle love.

## Sermon

“Come Up”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

### Building Up

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Confession of 1967 (9.51)

**By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to men and women in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin, but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism, the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound us to God's very self.**

#### \*Hymn

“Down Galilee's Slow Roadways”

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#### “Let My Prayers Rise Up”

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the  
lifting up of my hands as an of-fering to you.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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**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.**

## **Uplifting Messages of Support**

### **\*Response**                    “What R U Up 2 for My Sake?”

What are you up to for my sake? What are you up to "for the  
Good?" Would you come now, follow, join, up? Let us take up, wake up a -  
new; Let us build up, fill up with you! Let us lift up the gifts we  
raise up. For the sake of, for the shape of, heaven on earth.

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### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

#### **Living It Up**

**\*Closing Hymn** “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”                    #618

**\*Blessing for the Journey**

**\*Congregational Response** “On Eagle’s Wings” (refrain)                    #43

**\*Music for Movin’ on Up**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

arr. Janet Linker

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