PRELUDE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEDITATION MUSIC:

 Hail the day that sees Christ rise, Hallelujah! to the throne in paradise; Hallelujah! Christ the Lamb for sinners given, Hallelujah! enters now the highest heaven. Hallelujah!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

CHILDREN'S TIME: Lord I lift your name on high

Lord I lift your name on high! Lord, I love to sing your praises I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way From the earth to the cross my debt to pay From the cross to the grave – from the grave to the sky Lord I lift your name on high!

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:19-20 (NRSV) Reader: Wanda Grande

This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.

BAPTISM: #515 Out of deep unordered water

Water on the human forehead, birthmark of the love of God, is the sign of death and rising; through the seas there runs a road. Chorus: There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant. Let creation praise its giver: There is water in the font.

Standing round the font reminds us of the Hebrews' climb ashore. Life is hallowed by the knowledge: God has been this way before. **Chorus**

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS: Glory to God

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

(Rick Founds)

(Fred Kaan)

PRAYERS: Response song: #740 Make me a channel (St. Francis of Assisi) Lord God – we come before you in prayer – and we say to you how lovely

- Make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred, let me bring your love Where there is injury, your pardon Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in You We are living in challenging times – we come here to this time of worship....
 - Make me a channel of our peace, where there's despair in life, let me bring hope Where there is darkness, only light and where there's sadness, ever joy

Forgive us Lord, for the times and ways that we do not bring peace...

Oh master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console To be understood as to understand - to be loved as to love with all my soul

Hear our prayers today - prayers that we personally want to bring to you...

And in giving to all that we receive and in dying that we're born into eternal life

LORD'S PRAYER & ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS:

MESSAGE: "Cloudy days... good days"

CLOSING HYMN: Because He Lives

(Gospel - Bill Gaither band)

 God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living, just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy she gives; But greater still the calm assurance: This child can face uncertain days because He Lives! **Chorus**

And then one day, I'll cross the river - I'll fight life's final war with pain And then as death gives way to victory I'll see the light of glory and I'll **KNOW** He lives. **Chorus**

BENEDICTION & BLESSING SONG: Go now in peace **POSTLUDE:**

(Don Besig)

♪ Now, though parted from our sight, Hallelujah! in the depths of starry night, Hallelujah! may God raise us up again, Hallelujah! heirs of your eternal reign. Hallelujah!