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LIVING THE CELEBRATION

COMPANY'S COMING WORSHIP SERIES

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jackie

INTROIT

"It Wasn't His Child"

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: To the Father who has given us every spiritual blessing in Christ.

People: We give praise and glory

Leader: To the son through whom we have redemption, forgiveness, and the riches of God's grace.

People: We give praise and glory.

Leader: To the Spirit that seals us in His promise, the guarantee of our inheritance until we possess it.

People: We give praise and glory.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Morning Has Broken"

UMH 145

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31: 7-14

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INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God and Parent of us all: we have moved through this season of family and Christmas joy, and we are reminded that beyond our earthly families, you have adopted us into your redeemed family. Through the saving, redeeming work of the Incarnation, we have become heirs, and our redemption is the magnificent gift of salvation. We give our gifts, but we give ourselves as the only fitting response to your adoption of us, your rebellious children. Lead us in your way into this new year. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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.*

SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 1: 3-14* *Pastor Jackie*

MORNING MESSAGE *“Living the Celebration”* *Pastor Jackie*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD *“Testify to Love”*

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Friends, as we gather our thoughts into quietness,
we confess our sins to the One who knows us best.
We know ourselves chosen, adopted as children of God.
We dare to believe that you and I are part of a plan
conceived before the foundation of the universe.
But are we living as God’s children?
Are we honoring our inheritance?
We know ourselves called, but we’re so easily distracted.
We know ourselves loved, but we balk at the cost.
Come, friends, let us confess our sins to the Lord.**

(Silence)

**Friends, our God has poured out grace upon grace,
freely, in great abundance,
even on you, even on me.
though we never earned it and don’t deserve it.
In Christ we are made new through his blood;
all you sins and mine crumble away.
In Christ we are forgiven, signed with the spirit,
lavished with gift upon gift,
released into hope to live for praise and for glory.
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.***

*SENDING HYMN

"Christ is the World's Light"

UMH 188

*BENEDICTION

"Wesley Covenant Prayer"

**I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenants which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

