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8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER
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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY (8:15) “Hymn to Joy”     arr. Paul Manz
(11:00) “Bells of Praise”  Phyllis Treby Hentz

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WE GATHER
Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins. Please silence electronic devices.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND PLEDGES FOR 2015
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DEDICATION HYMN

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GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM “Order My Steps (In Your Word)”  Glenn Burleigh
(anthem text on front cover)

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CHILDREN’S ANTHEM (11:00) “Daniel”  Williams/Perry
Angel (3rd-5th grade) Choir

WE SHARE

YEARNING TO SERVE

PRAISE HYMN

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PRAISE SONGS
“Thrive”
“Stand Up”

ANNOUNCEMENTS
CELESTIAL RINGERS
“Bells of Praise”  by Phyllis Treby Hentz

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
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MESSAGE
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*Hymn Prelude on Dix”  Wayne Wold

*DOXOLOGY #606
OLD HUNDRETH
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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
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*HYMN #712
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FOREST GREEN

*DOXOLOGY
ORDINARY 6

BENEDICTION

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