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 This world where I roam cannot be my home, I'm bound for that home in the sky.
 I walk and I talk with my Lord, I feast every day on his word;
 heaven is near and I can't stay here, goodbye, world, goodbye.
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 This world where I roam cannot be my home. I'm bound for that home in the sky.
 I walk and I talk with my Lord, I feast every day on his word;
 Heaven is near and I can't stay here, goodbye, world, goodbye.
 Now don't you weep for me when I'm gone, 'cause I won't have to leave here alone.
 And when I hear that last trumpet sound, my feet won't stay on the ground.
 I'm gonna rise with a shout, gonna fly. I'm gonna rise with my Lord through the sky.
 Heaven is near and I can't stay here, goodbye, world, goodbye.
 I won't have the blues anymore when I step across to that shore.
 And I'll never pine, 'cause I'll leave behind my heartaches and tears evermore.
 One day, maybe two, then goodbye. Tomorrow I'll rise up and fly.
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*DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 95
**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.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed UMH 881
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ
 his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin
 Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day
 he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of
 God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
 dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI Glory Be to the Father UMH 70
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen. Amen.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN (VIDEO) Courtney Hutchins

*HYMN OF PREPARATION Standing on the Promises UMH 374
**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
 through eternal ages let his praises ring;
 glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
 standing on the promises of God.**

*Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior,
 standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
 when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
 by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
 standing on the promises of God. (sing refrain)**

**Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
 bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
 overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
 standing on the promises of God. (sing refrain)**

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
 listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
 resting in my Savior as my all in all,
 standing on the promises of God. (sing refrain)**

*SCRIPTURE Acts 11:1-18 Rev. Lance Richards
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Who Am I to Hinder God? Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Lance Richards

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN) Rev. Lance Richards

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.

INVITATION TO THE ALTAR Rev. Lance Richards

*HYMN OF BLESSING Precious Lord Take My Hand *arr. by Mark Hayes*
with I Need Thee Every Hour

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand.

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,

When my life is almost gone; hear my cry, hear my call,

Hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord.

No tender voice like thine can peace afford.

I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!

O bless me now, my Savior; I come to thee, I come to thee.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand.

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

I need thee every hour, most precious Lord.

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Everybody Ought to Know

*Refrain: Everybody ought to know, everybody ought to know,
everybody ought to know who Jesus is. (sing refrain)*

He's the Lily of the Valley; he's the bright and morning star.

He's the fairest of ten thousand. Everybody ought to know. (sing refrain)

POSTLUDE Victory in Jesus *arr. by Fred Bock*

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given by Margaret Lam
in memory of her brother, Dan Jones, and her mother, Imogene Jones.

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