

*ORDER OF WORSHIP For:*  
*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021*

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Any Congregant, Please Stand & Speak Loudly!)

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beautiful is the heart of God

**Many:** Beautiful are the souls of all of God's people

One: Beautiful is the mind of God

**Many:** Beautiful are the hopes of God's people .

To God be all the Glory

HYMN (Stand and sing)    **327** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us    Red Hymnal

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (*Remain standing , and All together*)

Come, Everliving God- be with us, and in us, and beside us and over us.  
With loving hands, shape us and fashion us into your hands of hope. Burn  
within us a fire for caring and compassion. May the Word of your Truth be  
in our spoken and unspoken words. May your Spirit come alive in each of  
us, and in this community who gather in Your name. Amen

CALL TO PRAISE

One: Lift up your hearts!

**Many:** We lift them up unto the Lord.

One: O Lord, open Thou our lips

**Many:** And our mouths shall show  
forth Thy praise

THE GLORIA PATRI (all Sing)

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 88

## PASTOR PONDERINGS

HYMN (Stand and Sing) 591 This is My Song Black Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8: 27-38

SERMON *Where is our Focus?* Rev David Poole

INVITATION TO OFFERING: *(Ushers will pass plates)*

### 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***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *(Pastor)*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS *(Congregation)*

PASTORAL PRAYER *(Pastor)*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(all together)*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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*

HYMN (Stand and Sing) 440 O Beautiful, For Spacious Skies Red Hymnal

BENEDICTION: *(Pastor)*

POSTLUDE