



**Opening Hymn:** *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker*

MV 30

**Opening Prayer: (in unison)**

Loving God, help us to hear the stories of your people:

Sarah, who in old age, conceived a son;

Apostles named and given a ministry on the open road,

Faithful witnesses through the ages,

Siblings around this Table where strangers become friends. Amen.

**Candles of Joy, Concern, & Sorrow**

*Congregation members are invited to come forward and light prayer candles.*

**Prayer of Confession & Declaration of Pardon:**

Gracious God, you came alongside Abraham and Sarah,

**And asked them to dream the impossible dream:**

To hold on to your promise of new beginnings,

**To trust that they would birth a new people.**

Through faith in you, they believed your promises,

**And journeyed on in faith living with the doubts.**

Forgive us, Great Creator when we lose our way,

**When we can no longer hear your gift of promise,**

(Silence for Confession)

Help us, Loving God, to pay attention to your nudges,

**To receive your blessings, to be carriers of hope.**

May Almighty God, pardon and deliver you...

**Time for Young and Young at Heart: "On the Road"**

**Song:**

*Simon, Simon, a Fisherman*

VU597

**Scripture Lessons:**

**First Reading: Genesis 18.1-15 Sarah Laughed**

**Sung Response:** *There is Room for All* MV 62 (X2) Seated  
**Gospel: Matthew 9.35 – 10:8** *Named & Sent*

**Message:** Hospitality: *Meeting Angels*

**Hymn:** *When a Poor One* VU 702 Seated  
Refrain: Congregation  
Verses : Alex Shawn

**Offertory:** *The Deer's Cry*

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts,

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right and good to give thanks to the God of Laughter and Joy:

**To rejoice in everyday miracles:**

For laughter shared between friends,

**for love shared in community,**

for greening of our land that leaves us speechless with joy

**for our call to be Co-creators with the Great Creator.**

Holy God, birthing in us laughter and joy:

**Holy Hope carrying us in good times and bad.**

Teaching us to trust in your promises to us,

**Taking our place in living Jesus' mission mandate.**

Strengthening our hands and feet for service

**Warming our hearts to sing our faith.**

So, with all your creatures, great and small,  
with angels and archangels, with saints and servants,  
with those of every time and place we proclaim:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

As beloved apostles, baptized and named in Christ Jesus,  
we pray for the church...for the earth...for the nations...  
as beloved children of God, we pray for our loved ones...  
*(Names may be offered in silence or vocally.)*

For those who have died and those who grieve...  
Hear our prayers this day for all creation. **Amen.**

### **The Story of the Last Supper:**

#### **The Mystery of Faith:**

Gracious God, by the death of Jesus,  
You have destroyed the power of death,  
And by raising him to life, you have given us life forevermore.  
And so, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

### **Blessing of the Bread and Wine & Lord's Prayer**

Recalling Jesus' death, proclaiming his resurrection,  
and looking for Christ's coming again in glory,  
We offer you, Holy One, this bread and this cup.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,





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