

Prelude: *Arabasque*, Orlando Otey

Welcome

Opening of the Word and Invocation (Matthew 18:20)

Hymn #15

Responsive Reading: Psalm 138

Leader: *Lord, I thank you with all my heart; I sing your praises.*

All: *I bow down in front of your holy temple and praise your Name because of your love and faithfulness,*

Leader: *for you have put above everything else your Name and your Word.*

All: *When I called, you answered me—you made me bold and strong of heart.*

Leader: *Even though you are so high above, you care for the lowly and see arrogant people from far away.*

All: *Even when I'm surrounded by troubles, you keep me safe; you oppose the anger of my enemies, and save me with your right hand.*

Leader: *You will do every thing you have promised me.*

All: *Lord, your love is eternal; do not abandon the work of your hands.*

Opening Prayer (please kneel, said in unison)

Holy and everliving God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one another and you.

(A New Zealand Prayer Book)

An Affirmation of Worship

We worship God, our loving Lord, who made us; who taught us in the Bible that all people are God's children, and that we should love God and each other. When people turned away from God, he loved us enough to be born in our world as a baby. He grew up and lived the life he wants us to live. Risen now, he is still with us, our Lord and our God, helping us to grow more like him. This is why we know him as our Savior. We are his disciples when we love him, and show our love for him by being kind and helpful to one another.

Readings: 2 Samuel 6:1-2, 12-19, Secrets of Heaven #10416

Children's Message

Sermon: Dancing For the Ark

Time of Reflection: *Children of the Heavenly Father*, Howard Helvey

Closing Prayer

Prayer of Gratitude
The Lord's Prayer

Offering: *Sonatina in C*, Samuel Wesley

Offertory Response (please stand, sung in unison):

**We give Thee but Thine Own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee**

Closing Hymn #515

Benediction (Deuteronomy 4:29)

Postlude: *Simple Gifts*, John Carter