## Call to Worship

Pastor: Let us begin this experience of worship with our frowns turned into smiles; our doubts regarded as growing pains in our faith; and our disappointments exchanged for our appointment with God this morning.

People: We come with one thought in mind: to praise and thank God who calls us into abundant living.

Pastor: It's easy to wear masks when we say thanks to God. Will you be your real self this hour?

People: It's true there are things that make us unhappy. But it's also true that life is full of blessings. It's these blessings of God that we want to concentrate on now.

#### **Prayer of Confession:**

Dear Lord, day by day I have been touched by your love; and blessed by your generous hand. Yet, day by day, I have gone merrily on my way, with the majority, instead of returning to offer my thanks.

Forgive me for not only my lack of gratitude; but especially for my failure to express it.

Thank you for each tiny second of my existence; and each gigantic age of your majestic creation! In Jesus' name. Amen.

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

# 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.

### Glory Be to the Father

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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.