## Call to Worship

- Pastor: God's future plans for us are unknown: but we do know the future is in his hands.
- People: We know the future is in God's hands; and that is where we want to be also.
- Pastor: We do not need to fear. If we are alert to God's will for us; and commit our lives to him, our future will have his blessing.
- People: We face the future with faith, not with fear; because we trust God to fulfill history in his own way and time.

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

If we knew when Christ would return, Father; we would feel more comfortable.

But we do not know; and we become careless in living responsible lives.

Forgive us for weak commitment based on our manipulation of faith and hope.

Give us the desire to surrender our total being without the necessity of knowing when the day of our Lord will come; but only that each day requires us to live our best.

In our Savior's name we pray. 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.