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## Sunday, April 30, 2023

### Prelude

\*Chorus to Open Worship: "Sanctuary" #701

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 103):

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

**People: Who forgives all your iniquity, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

Leader: Who satisfies you with good, as long as you live.

**People: As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him.

**ALL: Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

### Welcome and Opening

#### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

\*Opening Song: "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer" #439

Scripture Reading: John 12:36-43 Page 1533

\*Second Song: "O Christ, the Great Foundation" #361

#### Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-8 Page 1728

Special Music: Kay Danforth

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:1-22 Page 1553

Sermon: "The Only Reason for Hope" John Jackson

\*Song of Response: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #353

#### Offering Meditation

\*Doxology #606

\*Offering Prayer:

\*Closing Song: "How Firm a Foundation" #463

\*Benediction

### Postlude