## "A CELEBRATION OF RAINBOWS"

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Angels Praise Him"

Angels praise him, heavens praise him, waters praise him,
Hallelujah!
Powers of the lord all praise him for evermore

Sun praise him, moon praise him, stars praise him,
Hallelujah!
Showers praise him, dews praise him, for evermore

Winds praise him, fire praise him, heat praise him,
Hallelujah!
Winter praise him, summer praise him for evermore

Nights praise him, days praise him, light praise him,
Darkness praise him,
Lightnings praise him, clouds praise him for evermore

Earth praise him, mountains praise him, hills praise him,
Hallelujah!
Green things praise him, wells praise him for evermore

Seas praise him, floods praise him, creatures of the
Waters praise him,
Birds, beasts, and cattle praise him for evermore

Nations praise him, churches praise him, saints praise him,
Hallelujah!
All his people join to praise him for evermore.

## INVOCATION

Leader: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

*PEOPLE:* Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

Leader: *Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us admit before God, our Father, who is the Source and Provider of all things, that we have failed Him and not lived up to our promise to be His children and do what He wants. We have followed our own desires.*

*PEOPLE:* Our Father, we have forgotten our place before you, turning to our own desires and devices, pretending to be beyond the needs and demands of others, and doing little to bear your love in our lives to the world.

Leader: *Father, forgive us.*

*PEOPLE:* Father, forgive us and free us from our past mistakes and failures. Father, free us for the new life in Christ.

ABSOLUTION

Leader: *God forgives us. Now no condemnation hangs over the heads of those who are in Christ Jesus. For the new life in Christ lifts us out of the old vicious circle of sin and death. For if a person is in Christ, that person becomes a new person altogether. The past is finished and gone; everything has become fresh and new.*

*PEOPLE:* Thanks be to God.

INTRODUCTION - "The Rainbow in the Sky"   (Sung to "Sunshine on my Shoulders")

Refrain:
    The rainbow in the sky is one of God's great signs.
    It's just not sun rays shining through the rain.
    The rainbow tells the world the Lord God promises
    That He will never flood the world again.

    In the day of Noah evil filled the world,
    'Twas not much different than it is today.
    God was grieved that wickedness should so prevail;
    He sent a flood to wash it all away.    **Refrain**

    God commanded Noah to go build an ark,
    For Noah walked with God, and he was good.
    He built the ark for family and for creatures all,
    To save them at the time God sent the flood.

    The waters gushed upon the earth for many days.
    The water covered mountains and was dark.
    All the living creatures were destroyed on earth,
    Except for passengers upon the ark.

    The flood did end and water dried up from the land,
    The ark did settle down and into place.
    The occupants came out and swarmed all o'er the earth.
    Noah built an altar to God's praise.

    When we think about this tale of long ago,
    And look up in the sky to see the bow.
    We recall that God has made His promises,
    To every living creature here below.    **Refrain**

FIRST LESSON   *Exodus 19:3-8*

SECOND LESSON

## ALL YOU PEOPLES CLAP YOUR HANDS

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         C                F          C       F    C   G7
CHORUS:  All you peoples, clap your hands.  And shout for joy
              C        Em      C       F        C          G7    C
         For the Lord has made all mankind one,  So raise your voices high.
         C            F          C           G7         F         C
      1. All creation shows the glory of the Lord.  The earth proclaims His
         F   C        F          C      G7      C                     F
         handiwork, the sky cries out His Word.  Night and day sing out
            C     Am          F                   G        C
         His glories all about, So praise the Lord with shouts of joy.  Chorus
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2. The King of all the earth has made his message known
   That we should offer him ourselves and everything we own.
   We do this by the way we live through every day
   So live each day in peace and joy.  Chorus

3. Let everyone alive remember your command
   That every day in every way we love our fellow friend.
   If this command is done, our victory will be won
   And we'll all live in peace and joy.  Chorus

## GOSPEL

## HOMILY/DIALOGUE

## THE CREED - Luther's Explanation to Article I: (All)

*We believe that God has created us and all that exists.  He has given us and still preserves our bodies and lives with all their powers. He provides us with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all we need from day to day.  God also protects us in time of danger and guards us from every evil. All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though we do not deserve it. Therefore, we surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.*

## HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD

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         He's got the whole world in His hands,
                             A
         He's got the whole world in His hands.
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         He's got the whole world in His hands,
                             A              D
         He's got the whole world in His hand.
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He's Got the Whole World (con'd.)

> He's got the wind and the rain...
> He's got the sun and the moon...
> He's got you and me, together...
> He's got the hope and the prayers...
> He's got everybody here...

## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

### REMEMBERING AND THANKING

P: *Father, we thank you for the great things you ask of us.*
C: You gave us a world to build, and mind and strength to build it.

P: *You kept us safe with your power until we could find our own.*
C: You taught us to call you Father so we would learn to call each other brother and sister.

P: *You raised up Jesus, our brother, to be your son, the first-born of your new creation.*
C: In Him we see what we can become.

P: *In His life our twisted and broken lives can become one.*
C: As Jesus lived and died for us, we can live and die for each other.

P: *You are with us now in your spirit, the spirit of unity, peace and love.*
C: In this spirit we can work together with each other and all people everywhere to build a new world, your new creation.

P: *For all these things we thank you Lord, as we join together in your praise.*
C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of life, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. We priase you and thank you. Holy is our brother Jesus who revealed to us your power. We praise you and thank you.

P: *In this spirit of praise and thanksgiving, in the unity, love & fellowship to which you have called us,*
C: We are gathered here to remember the great things you have done for us.

P: *You freed our fathers from their superstitions,*
C: and led them out from the tyranny of Egypt,

P: *gave them a land to build on,*
C: and the promise of a new society.

P: *You sent us your son, the promise of a new life and victory over death.*
C: As we remember all you have given us we are pledged to work together with people of good will everywhere to build a new society of peace and love and to enter into a new life. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## REMEMBERING OUR RAINBOW OF HOPE

## I FEEL GOOD

Chorus:

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        G      D7     G
I feel good, good, good,
        G        D7      G
I feel good down in my soul

                              Em          Am
For there's somethin' 'bout singin' for Jesus
        D7            G     C   G
That makes me feel good — so good.
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1. Now I've been up and I've been down
   And I've been leveled to the ground
   But there's somethin' 'bout singin' for Jesus
   That makes me feel good, good, good.   Chorus

2. Well, I've been 'buked and I've been scorned
   And I've been talked about as sure as you've
      been born
   But there's somethin' 'bout singin' for Jesus
   That makes me feel good (so good), good,
      good.                                Chorus

P: *Go in peace, serve the Lord.*
C: Thanks be to God!