

**Prelude:** Martha will play Sweet Hour of Prayer arr by Melody Bober

**Welcome:**

**Call To Worship:** (based on Psalm 130)

*Taize:*

***Wait for the Lord whose day is near, Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.***

Lord, we come crying to you from the depths. We come bearing our souls and awaiting your response. We wait in hope, knowing that you promise to hear and provide.

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**Opening Song:** Kum Ba Yah #472

Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah. O Lord, Kum ba yah

Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah! Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah! O Lord, Kum ba yah

**Assurance of Grace:** For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem. It is the Lord who redeems us from all its iniquities. Friends, believe the Good News, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Prayer of Illumination:** God you tell us to prophesy, to preach, to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth. Open our ears to hear your Word and then write it on our hearts so that it will be evident in all we do. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

**Scripture:** Mark 13:1 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" 2 Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." Mark 13:3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" 5 Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs..."

24 “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. Mark 13:28 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Mark 13:32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

**Sermon:** The Beginning Is Near

**Response:** Come and Fill Our Hearts #466

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

**Call to Offering:** The earth is the Lord’s and all that is within it. While we worship in a multitude of places, we gather together our respective offerings, knowing that God will take them, bless them and use them for the building up of the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

**Offertory:** I Need You More, Becky Brandy vocalist

**Doxology:** purple hymnal #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**Prayers of the People: All: Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day thy daily bread and forgive us our debts. As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**

**Closing Song:** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (prpl #469)

## **Chorus**

Lord listen to Your children praying, Lord send Your Spirit in this place  
Lord listen to Your children praying, Send us love send us pow'r send us grace

## **Verse 1**

Something's gonna happen  
Like the world has never known  
When the people of the Lord get down to pray  
A door's gonna swing open  
And the walls come a-tumbling down  
When the people of the Lord get down to pray

## **Verse 2**

He's gonna take over  
He's gonna take control  
When the people of the Lord get down to pray  
He's gonna move the mountain  
He's gonna make the waters roll  
When the people of the Lord get down to pray

## **Verse 3**

You're gonna know it  
When the Lord stretches out His hand  
And the people of the Lord get down to pray  
There's gonna be a brand new song  
Of vict'ry in this land  
When the people of the Lord get down to pray

## **Charge and Benediction**

## **Postlude**