Prelude

*God Save the People*

Yuyoung Jeong

by Steven Schwartz

Gathering Song

*As We Gather*

by Coomes & Fay

As we gather may your Spirit work within us
As we gather may we glorify your name
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship
We’ll be blessed because we came
*(Repeat)*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Introit

*Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord*

Kiana Hamzehi

by Steven Schwartz

Congregation will sing along after the first verse:

Prepare ye, the way of the Lord *(repeat)*

Call to Worship

Cesar Sangalang

ONE: We find ourselves on this thrilling roller coaster of life. It’s ups! It’s downs!
It’s unexpected turns: the screams of danger and delight.

MANY: God-SPELL us!

ONE: We build friends, family, and relationships which challenge us, nurture us, and sustain us.

MANY: God-SPELL us!

ONE: We share in the power of all creation through the use of our creativity, imagination, and sense of play. We give birth to something out of nothing.

MANY: God-SPELL us!

ONE: We are searching for ways to express love for ourselves and for others, grounded in our faith experience of a man named Jesus.
MANY: God-SPELL us!
ONE: We find our bliss in loving acts of compassion, generosity, kindness, understanding.
MANY: God-SPELL us!
ONE: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!
MANY: God-SPELL us!

Song   God's Way on Broadway   Wendy Wiebach

        by Barry Mann
        Lyrics by Halverson-Cano

They say the Bible's black 'n white
That's God's way (That's God's way)
They say God wrote the book and that's all
But God's not only black and white
And I don't mean to start a fight
But God's still speaking to and through us all.

They say it's just a show for fun
On Broadway (On Broadway)
But there is truth and light for all who hear.
Because if you just look for God
You're gonna find that you'll be awed
The Spirit sings in song for those with ears.

They say that I won't fit in church
That's God's way (That's God's way)
But they don't know God's circle's deep and wide
They say that only some belong
Truth is Jesus proves 'em wrong
'Cause God is present in this song
Truth is Jesus proves 'em wrong
'Cause God is present in this song
That's God's Way On Broadway
That's God's Way On Broadway...

A Fresh Word
Affirmation of Church Leaders

Pastor: You have been called to Leadership in this church. Do you accept the responsibility to serve and lead God's people?

Leaders: We do.

Pastor: Relying on God's grace, and together with the people of this congregation, will you exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, seeking justice, loving mercy, walking humbly with God?

Leaders: We will.

Prayer of Dedication

God we pray that you will guide and sustain these church leaders in your love. Give them wisdom and courage for the choices they will make. Give us generous minds and hearts to empower their leadership that it may strengthen all our ministry. Together, help us identify and do the things which most need to be done, allowing the rest to find its right place, that each of us may take our part and none be overburdened. We pray this as followers of Jesus, trusting in his way. Amen.

Song

Day by Day

by Stephen Schwartz

Congregation will sing along after the first verse:

Day by Day, Day by Day. Oh, Dear Lord, three things I pray!
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day!

Prayers for the Church

Pastor Sarah

Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer...

Our Creator (Father, Mother, or other name as you are comfortable), which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song

Oh Bless the Lord My Soul

by Stephen Schwartz

Offertory

Cesar Sangalang
Offertory Music  
Yuyoung Jeong

Prayer of Dedication  
Cesar Sangalang

Solo  
**Beautiful City**  
by Stephen Schwartz  
Wendy Wiebach

Scripture  
Matthew 13: 45-46  
Cesar Sangalang

“The kingdom of heaven is like a man, a merchant, seeking fine pearls; on finding one pearl of extremely great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

Sermon  
**Godspell and the Pearl of Great Price**  
Craig Tyrl

Benediction  
Pastor Sarah

Response  
**Alleluia**  
(Repeat)

Postlude  
*Oh Bless the Lord My Soul*  
Stephen Schwartz  
Yuyoung Jeong

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