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ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Like As the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks | R. Nance

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Carole Enright

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
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who has created and is creating,
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to reconcile and make new,
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to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
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**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
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CONFESSION AND PARDON Rev. Dalton Rushing

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor continues ...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company in heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ’s offering for us,

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SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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