

## Opening Prayer

You are here, Lord, in this place. Now. Not only do we stand in awe of how great you are, larger than our imagination; But we also can scarcely comprehend that you are with us this moment. Yes, from a distance you are watching us. But you stand beside us as well. Your Spirit's presence quickens our pulse, fills us with wonder when we become aware that you are near. In extra-ordinary, as well as common, every-day ways, you make your presence known to us. This is your time of worship, God. The words don't belong to the Pastor or myself. The music isn't the property of the organist. The praying and singing we all do comes not only from us but, most importantly, from you. When we lose sight of this, today as well as every day, O Lord, forgive us, and live in and through us. Do great things with us right now, and in the week which lies ahead. We pray this, our heavenly Father, in the name of your Son - Jesus Christ, in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen. ©1990-2001, Peter L. Haynes

## Opening Hymn For The Beauty of the Earth Pearpoint/Kocher

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer Response

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 131 (NRSV)

Song of Quiet Trust

### A Song of Ascents. Of David.

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, my heart is not lifted up,  
my eyes are not raised too high;  
I do not occupy myself with things  
too great and too marvelous for me.

<sup>2</sup> But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother;  
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>3</sup> O Israel, hope in the Lord  
from this time on and forevermore.

Sermon "God in Simple Places"

## Closing Hymn Simple Gifts by Joseph Brackett

Benediction