We pray:
Dear Lord, together in our separation we gather to worship you. We gather to praise you. We gather to thank you. We gather to petition you for the many who are in need of healing, comfort and encouragement. We celebrate that we have no God but you, and we are grateful that we are a family of faith united by you.

We sing:
Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s re-creation of the new day!

We pray:
O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all [of creation] under their feet. O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
(from Psalm 8)

We sing (2x):
Day by day. Day by day. O dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

Our Prayer of Confession:
Holy and eternal God, you created us in your image and gave us special responsibilities toward creation and our fellow human beings. You set us as caretakers for the earth and all its plants and animals. You anointed us as disciples and sent us to make fellow disciples the world over. Dear God, we know that we have failed to be good stewards and faithful disciples. We beg your mercy for our sins and await with expectancy the renewal of our minds and hearts, that we may devote the rest of our days to protecting the earth and making disciples of all nations according to your will. Amen.

Our Word of Assurance:
We know that the Spirit of forgiveness and understanding flows over and within us this day and always.

Our Scripture Readings (please consult your own Bible):
- Genesis 1:1-2:4a
- Matthew 28:16-20

Our sermon: DOMINION

In thanks for God’s Word and God’s great work among us,
we will send our offering to Rita.

We sing:
I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where’er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

We pray:
Dear Lord, hear our prayers for all we name who are in need of your healing hand and the inspiration of your Spirit; hear our prayers for our families, friends and neighbors; hear our prayers for our city, our state, our country and the world as we all fight against a common enemy; hear our prayers of gratitude for all who serve, putting themselves at risk for the rest of us. Receive our joyful faith, and thank you for being our Lord, Savior and Comforter; bless us all this day and this week, we pray, until we gather again in the Spirit of worship. In your holy name, Amen.

We pray this Benediction together:
May we be held in the hand of God the Father Almighty
May we be filled to overflowing with the Light of the world, His Son, our Savior Jesus  
And may we always be safely protected at home, and if we need to go out,  
by the shalom-making Holy Spirit.  
Amen.