



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—Psalm 96:1-4

*O sing to the Lord a new song!
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord; bless God's name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare God's glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!*

HYMN #645 *Sing Praise to God Who
Reigns Above*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

**We praise you for creating this world in all beauty,
for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord,
and for sending us the gift of your Spirit
to encourage, instruct, and sustain us.
We long for your Spirit to work among us now,
to inspire our praise,
to challenge us with your truth,
and to equip us for service in your world. Amen.**

RESPONSE #32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**Holy God, we confess that too often
we have not been open to the rhythms of life
that you offer to us.
We let ourselves be put off your pace
and allow ourselves to wander off
into our own songs.
Too often the melodies of the world confuse us.
We have led ourselves and others
to paths that are not according to your
loving pace and direction.**

**Help us pay attention with all of our senses.
Make our singing faithful;
help us take the risks
that are part of letting you lead.
Pull us back into your unforced rhythms of grace.
(silent prayer and reflection)**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The God of creation assures us
that if we trust God's Word,
we will be led back to the songs
that God would have us sing.
God is eager to show us the path home,
and the song to sing along the way.
Accept the offer of the new song
we have been given through Jesus the Christ.
Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #661 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 150 and
Colossians 3:12-17

MESSAGE The Songs of Our Lives

HYMN #821 *How Can I Keep from Singing?*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your 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 yours is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory
now and forever. Amen.

SONG #80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE