



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come with your questions, come with your awe!

**For the God who broods over the chaos
meets us in this place.**

Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

**For the God who breathes new life into the dust
meets us in this place.**

Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

**For the God who dared to become human
meets us in this place.**

Come as equals, women and men,
children and youth,
all created in the image of God.

**For the God who made us,
and called us very good,
meets us in this place.**

HYMN #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Creating God,
we praise you for your word

which called the universe into being;

and for your Spirit

**which breathed life into your human creation,
made in your image.**

We praise you that in your love

you seek to embrace us in our brokenness;

that while your only Son was handed over to death,

**you raised him to life,
a new creation by which you recreate each of
us.**

Source of life, Word of life, Breath of life,

we praise you. Amen.

RESPONSE #664 *Morning Has Broken*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**Creative, reconciling God,
you delight to shape the world in beauty and
harmony.**

**You invite us to participate in the balance of
creation.**

**We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds;
we take good learning out of difficult situations
yet also find our well-meant endeavors
leading to unintended consequences.**

**Too often we give in to temptation
that disrupts the joyous, beautiful, yet
sometimes still chaotic order of the universe.**

**We cannot undo all our mistakes,
but we can turn once more
to the living presence of Jesus
and find new ways to live in harmony and balance,
and love each other, and the earth.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even as Adam and Eve faced the consequences
of their disobedience,
our God prepared a way for them still
to be connected to the earth
and to the living presence of God.

So it is with all of us:
in Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection,
we are made able to become peacemakers,
and live in peace,
renewed and strong,
for our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #316 *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 1:26-29 and 2:4b-25

MESSAGE Women's Place in Creation

HYMN #761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

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.

HYMN #542 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE