



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 18:1-3

We love you, O Lord, our strength:

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,

my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,

my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

HYMN *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show (#33)*

Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia!
saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!
angels round the throne above, Alleluia!
all who see and share God's love. Alleluia!

Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!
Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!
Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!
Praise God's providence and grace! Alleluia!

Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!
in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!
singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION—from Hebrews 4:14-16

Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

**We have a high priest, Jesus the Christ,
who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses.**

He has been tempted in every way, just as we are,
yet was without sin.

**Therefore, he is able to save completely
those who come to God through him,
because he always lives to intercede for them.**

Let us then approach the throne of grace with
confidence,
so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help us in our time of need.

(moment for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

There is no wrong that God cannot make right.
There is no chasm that can separate us from God's
love.

The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good.
God will not forsake you or leave you.

Turn to the Lord with confidence
and put your trust in God's great mercy.

By the power of Jesus Christ, we are made whole.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN *I Need Thee Every Hour (#735)*

I need thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine
can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee,
every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior--
I come to thee!

I need thee every hour;
stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power
when thou art nigh. **[Refrain]**

I need thee every hour;
teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises
in me fulfill. **[Refrain]**

I need thee every hour,
Most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed,
thou blessed Son. **[Refrain]**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:1-11

MESSAGE **Teach Us to Pray:
Testing, Temptation, and Deliverance**

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 **Great is Thy Faithfulness (#39)**
Sung by the entire congregation

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **[Refrain]**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
[Refrain]

BENEDICTION

May the grace of Christ attend you,
The love of God surround you,
And the Holy Spirit keep you,
That you may live in faith,
Abound in hope,
And grow in love,
Now and forevermore.
And all of God's people said, Amen!

POSTLUDE

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21

