



PRELUDE *Christ, Mighty Savior, Light of All Creation*
- Ian Alvarez, brass

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of God,

**who created us,
who holds us and the whole world in his hands;**

In the name of Jesus the Christ,

**who came into the world as a human being
who reconciles us with God;**

In the name of the Holy Spirit,

**who fills us with eternal life,
who unites us with all of God's people
and bids us live in harmony with all creation:**

We come together to offer our thanks and praise.

HYMN #393 *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of love:

**you open the gateways of our hearts,
morning and evening,
that we might sing our praise to you,
with all creation.**

Come refresh, renew and restore us.

Send your Spirit

**that your peace might calm troubled hearts,
that your joy might strengthen us in hope,
that your love poured out might spur us to service.**

Move among us now, as we offer our praise.

RESPONSE (insert) *Spirit of the Living God*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**Loving God, we pray for the power to be gentle,
the strength to be forgiving,
the patience to be understanding,
and the endurance to accept the consequences
of holding to what we believe to be right.**

**May we put our trust in the power of good
to overcome evil,
and the power of love to overcome hatred.
We pray for the vision to see
and the faith to believe
in a world emancipated from violence.**

**Where we have caused harm
or have refused to walk
the challenging path of reconciliation,
forgive us, and set our fee on the path of peace.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Ephesians 2:14-18

*Jesus himself is our peace; in his body he has
broken down the dividing wall of hostility,
that he might reconcile people to God
and to one another. He proclaimed peace,
that all may have access to God through the Spirit.*

Beloved of God, through the life, death, and
resurrection of Jesus Christ, you are reconciled
to God and to your neighbors.
Walk in that peace, and be a peacemaker
as you follow Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 122 and Romans 12:14-21

MESSAGE The Upside-Down Kingdom:
Blessed Are the Peacemakers

HYMN #756 *O God of Every Nation*

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 #753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Take My Life and Let It Be*
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