



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 66:1-12

Shout out to God, all the earth!
Break into joyful songs to the God of creation!
Sing of the glory due his name,
and offer your grateful praises!

**All your works are wonderful!
The entire earth glorifies you,
singing songs of praise and glory to your
name.**

Come, let's bless God together!

**Let's praise the One who gives us life,
who watches over us,
and sets our feet in a spacious place
of freedom and beauty.**

HYMN #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Loving God, we thank you
for the signs that life continues:
for crocuses and daffodils
rising from their winter dormancy;
for the rains that nourish the fields;
for the return of birds
whose call wakes the day with praise.
More than these, we cherish the promises of
Jesus
which grace our hearts like the spring sun.
Because he lives, we also shall live.

RESPONSE (insert) *This Is My Father's World*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Jesus, we share the strengths and the failures
of your first disciples. We share their devotion
to you, and we share their weaknesses. We
desire to believe, but we do not fully trust in
your power to heal and bless, and we struggle
to believe that we share in these gifts. Like
Peter, we acknowledge you as Messiah but
refuse to believe that sacrifice and death can
ever be God's way. Yet, O Jesus, you love us
and continually call us to your side. Cleanse
our hearts of selfishness and fear; give us the
love that bears all things, believes all things,
and hopes and endures all things.

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In Jesus Christ, the God who challenges us
is also the God who encourages us.
The God who confronts us
is also the God who accepts us.
Be assured that God is with us even now,
in Jesus Christ,
accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 8:1-15
Galatians 5:13-25
Romans 12:9-11

MESSAGE Deadly Sins and Life-Giving Virtues:
Lust and Honor

HYMN #693 *The Gift of Love*

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

