



PRELUDE *Let Us Break Bread Together*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In our own lives
we are seeking light.
In our neighborhoods
we are seeking light.
In our households and families
we are seeking light.
In our work
we are seeking light.
In our nation
we are seeking light.
In our world
we are seeking light.
In... *[add your own longings]*
we are seeking light.

**Jesus, you are the light of the world.
May we have eyes to see you
and ears to hear you
as we offer ourselves in worship this day.**

HYMN #314 *Christ, Be Our Light*

PRAYER OF PRAISE—based on Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us, and bless us,
and cover us with the radiance of grace.

**May your way be known everywhere, loving God:
in the hidden places of our hearts;
in the comfort of our homes;
in every corner of our world;
in the farthest reaches of creation.**

**You transform us; you heal our lives;
you renew the earth and every creature;
you gather in the lonely, the lost, the least;
soothing ancient animosities;
creating and recreating a vision of hope.
Let our praise and gratitude shake the rafters
with songs of joy!**

RESPONSE #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**Merciful God,
we confess that, just like Jesus' disciples,
we too sometimes lose patience with people
who need our help and support.
Like the disciples, we find ourselves wishing
that they would just go away
and leave us in peace.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Remind us again of the deep love
you showed toward us
when we were still in need—
a love so deep that it sent you willingly to the cross
on our behalf.
Show us how to love others as you have loved us.
Teach us your compassion,
so that we may be your hands and feet
to those in need.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

—inspired by 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

God's grace is sufficient for all our needs,
covering all our sins.
God's power is made perfect in our weakness,
as Christ redeems our lives
and reconciles us fully and completely to God.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #346 *For the Healing of the Nations*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
 Matthew 15:10-28

MESSAGE Opportunity on the Border
Rev Dr. Teri McDowell Ott

HYMN #515 *I Come with Joy*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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 #543 *O Christ, Surround Me*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Prayer*

