



PRELUDE *Christ Is Alive.....Musica Sacra 1778*
- Ian Alvarez, brass solo

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

—based on Psalm 92:1-4; 95:1-3; 100:2-4

It is good to praise the Lord
and make music to your name, O Most High,

**to proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night.
For you make us glad by your deeds, O Lord;
we sing for joy at the works of your hands.**

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

**Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;

give thanks to God and praise his name.

HYMN #32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of heaven and earth,
God of the sunrise and the sunset,
God of the highest mountain
and the deepest valley,
receive our praise and hear our prayers
as we seek your presence in worship.
Declare your message to us
in whatever way you choose to speak it,
through any part of our worship service,
and grant us the courage to listen.
May our listening turn to action.
May our actions touch the hearts
of those who need to hear your voice.
We put our trust in you, knowing that it is
well placed in your wise and caring hands.

RESPONSE #839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Loving God, we confess that we don't always rest
in the assurance that we just sang about,
or trust in your love.
We are tempted to trust in ourselves—
our abilities, our efforts, our accomplishments—
or trust in what we hope to be quick-fix solutions.
We are quick to question your love
or doubt your faithfulness
when we don't understand what you are doing.
Forgive us, God, for this lack of consistent faith.
Help us to remember that your love is steadfast,
your power is unwavering, and that you are always
good,
even when we cannot see the big picture.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Persistently, patiently, lovingly,
God pours out grace and joy into our lives,
healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin.

**Loved, we are sent to love;
Forgiven, we are freed to forgive;
Graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet.
Thanks be to God!**

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #308 *O God in Whom All Life Begins*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 9:1-9 and Philippians 3:4-16

MESSAGE Garbage and Grace

HYMN #686 *God of Our Life*

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 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky....Daniel L. Shuttle*
1981

- Ian Alvarez, chimes solo