



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—based on Psalm 104:1-5

Praise the Lord with all your heart and soul!

We stand in awe at your greatness, O God.

You are indeed great,
robed in honor and majesty.

**For covering, you choose light—
your clothes, sunset and moonrise.
For a tent, you stretch out the heavens;
for your roof, you pitch the sky.**

You make your messengers like the winds;
the breeze whispers your words.

**You placed the earth on its foundations—
it will never shaken.**

How great are your works, O God!

We stand in awe at all that you have done.

HYMN #12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

PRAYER OF PRAISE—based on Psalm 25:1-5

**To you, O God, we lift up our souls.
To you we offer our praise and prayer,
our worship and thanksgiving,
even our very lives.
Make your ways known to us.
Show us the path on which we should walk.
Lead us in your truth and teach us.
For you alone are the God who saves,
the God in whom we trust;
and the One on whom we wait.**

SOLO *I Walk a Stranger on this Land*
- Sharon Eddy, soloist

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION
—based on Matthew 15:21-28

**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 great love
you showed us when we were 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—based on 2Corinthians 5:17

Beloved of God, hear the good news:
Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old way of living has gone;
a new way of living has begun.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #774 *There is Now a New Creation*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Leviticus 19:33-34
Matthew 15:21-28

MESSAGE Women of the Bible: The Faith of a Foreigner

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

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 #317 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE