



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 95

O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

HYMN #406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

PRAYER OF PRAISE (from Psalm 84)

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts;
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

RESPONSE #434 *Restore in Us, O God*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

— Moira Laidlaw, based on 1 Cor 8

Lord, Paul tells us that what is most important in our conduct is not knowledge, but love, and also that what we know is less important than our being known by God. We confess...

The times when we have used knowledge in ways which put people down rather than built them up.

God, source of all knowledge, forgive us.

The times we see people being exploited because of lack of knowledge, and do nothing.

God, source of all goodness, forgive us.

The times we see good only in what we understand and accept as your truths

God, source of all love, forgive us.

When we have ridiculed others for having a weak and feeble faith because they appear to lack wisdom;

God, source of all wisdom, forgive us.

Merciful Lord, touch us, heal us, teach us.

(silent reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — from John 3:1

Hear and believe these words of grace:
God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
But in order that the world might be saved through him.
And so I declare to you: In Jesus Christ we are loved, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #19 *God of Great and God of Small*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Romans 10:5-13
1 Corinthians 8

MESSAGE Building and Puffing
- Sheri Teesdale

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 #308 *O God in Whom All Life Begins*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE