



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**—based on Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice!

**We rejoice in God’s goodness;  
we rejoice in God’s presence;  
we rejoice in God’s faithfulness;  
we rejoice in the peace that Jesus gives.**

Come, and hear God’s invitation to trust,  
and to participate in God’s kingdom come,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

**In worship, we offer ourselves  
to be renewed *and* to be challenged,  
to be blessed *and* to be sent as blessing,  
to open ourselves to the ever-present  
reality  
of God’s everlasting kingdom.**

**HYMN** (see insert) *The Kingdom of God  
is Justice and Joy*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Generous God,  
in abundance you give us things  
both spiritual and physical,  
and all of our true needs are met.  
Thank you!**

**Help us to hold lightly  
the fading things of earth,  
which, in light of eternity,  
are of small consequence;  
and help us grasp  
the lasting things  
of your kingdom,  
so that who we are,  
and what we do and say,  
may be our gifts to you.  
Through Christ, who beckons all  
to seek the treasure of the Kingdom of  
heaven. Amen.**

**RESPONSE #175** *Seek Ye First*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

**Loving God, in this season of Lent we are  
reminded of our own difficulties and struggles.  
Sometimes we feel like our lives have been  
marked by such grief and pain that we can’t  
see how our circumstances can ever change.  
But in the midst of our weakness, we ask that  
you would be strong on our behalf. Rise up  
within us, let your Spirit shine out of every  
dark or broken place. Thank you that you are  
with us in whatever we face and that you are  
greater than any trial. We praise you for you  
make all things new, in Jesus’ name.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**—based on Romans 14:12

*“The Kingdom of heaven is righteousness, joy,  
and peace in the Holy Spirit.”*

In God’s kingdom, light shines, peace prevails,  
joy wells up, and mercy flows in abundance.  
Know that all of your needs are met through  
the flow of God’s generosity.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #300** *We Are One in the Spirit*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Isaiah 55:1-3  
Luke 12:22-34

**MESSAGE** Deadly Sins and Life-Giving Virtues:  
Gluttony and Generosity

**HYMN #182** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

**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 #716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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