



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

—based on Psalm 92:1,2,4; 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*

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKSGIVING

**RESPONSE #606 *Praise God from Whom
All Blessings Flow***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Merciful God, you call us to follow—
to turn away from our selfish interests,
and to take up our cross and follow after you,
even if the path is difficult to see,
or is heading in a direction we would never have
chosen for ourselves.

Forgive us for being so quick to question
and so hesitant to follow.
Help us to see with the eyes of faith,
rather than from our own limited point of view.
Teach us to follow without fear,
knowing that you are always with us,
leading the way.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Whether we hear a voice from the heavens
or a still small voice in our hearts,
listen carefully for the love of God
who speaks the truth to us about who we are.
Believe and accept God's love,
and live in God's freedom and peace.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #247 *Now the Green Blade Rises*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Philippians 3:7-11
Mark 8:27-35

MESSAGE What God Wants to Know:
Who Do You Say That I Am?

HYMN #726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

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 #643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE