



PRELUDE Minuet I from Partita in E Major,
BWV 1006; 1720, J. S. Bach
- Ian Alvarez, marimba

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—based on Psalm 124

When the foundations are shaken
and we wonder who is guiding the world,
we look to the One who laid the foundations of the
earth.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

God's kingdom cannot be shaken.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Let us lift our eyes above our current storms
and worship the King of Kings.**

HYMN #645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you."

**Loving God, as we ask now,
would you fill us with your Spirit.
As we search now, let us find you.
As we knock, open the door to us.
Let us know you, that we may praise you;
and love you, that we may serve you.**

RESPONSE #175 *Seek Ye First*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

This is a beautiful prayer
from St. Anselm (1033-1109).
It is especially appropriate for today's worship
because it incorporates Luke 13:31-35,
where Jesus weeps over Jerusalem.

**Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother
with her children.
You weep over our sins and our pride;
tenderly you draw us from enmity and judgement.
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds;
in sickness you nurse us,
and with pure spiritual milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life;
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.
Despair turns to hope
through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead;
your touch makes the sick whole.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness;
for the beauty of heaven
may your love prepare us.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Isaiah 43:1-5

*Thus says the Lord,
the One who created you,
the God who formed you:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with
you;
and through the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you;
for I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One, your Savior.
Do not fear, for I am with you.*

The God who redeemed you
is the God who is always with you,
blessing, guiding, forgiving, and leading.
Be at peace, love your neighbor,
and work for the reconciliation of the world
as you follow Jesus in the Way.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #661 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 56 and Luke 13:31-35

MESSAGE What Jesus Wants

HYMN #39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

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 #450 *Be Thou My Vision*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE How Firm a Foundation,
American Folk Song, 1832
- *Ian Alvarez, chimes variation*