



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**—based on Genesis 1

In the beginning God created all things,  
and God saw that they were good.

At our beginning, God created us  
unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by  
God,  
known and treasured by God.

In all our new beginnings, God creates something new

so we will seek God in the freshness of this  
morning,  
in the laughter of friends,  
in the colors of creation,  
and in the beauty of this place.

Mighty God, King of Creation,  
open our eyes to see your presence,  
our souls to sense your presence,  
and our hearts to love your presence,  
ever here in your creation,  
and ever beyond it in eternity.

**HYMN #664** *Morning Has Broken*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

We praise you, Creator God,  
for all of the ways and for all of the places  
where you meet us with your presence:  
at home and while away,  
in community with others  
and while we are alone,  
in the outer landscapes of the world  
and the inner landscape of our life.  
Thank you for the joy of your presence,  
the joy of this worship experience,  
and the joy that is ours  
no matter what our circumstances may be.

**RESPONSE** (insert) *In the Garden*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

Gracious God,  
when we fall into the traps  
of groundless fears,  
deliver us.  
When an epidemic of worry  
threatens to overcome us,  
protect us.  
When our struggles  
seem too much to bear,  
answer our cries for help.

When the world's drama  
drowns out our hope,  
give us the desire, and the confidence,  
to approach you in faith  
and receive renewed hope.  
When we have lost our way,  
come and satisfy us from the abundance  
of your grace and joy.  
Sheltering Spirit,  
we seek your peace.

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life,  
to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through  
Jesus Christ.

The end of our journey is not rejection and  
emptiness,  
but the fullness of grace and hope in our God.  
Thanks be to God,  
we are forgiven and loved unconditionally!

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #134** *Joy to the World*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Psalm 13  
John 11:1-6, 17-27, 38-44

**MESSAGE** Their Story, Our Story: Taking  
Steps Toward God in Every  
Circumstance of Life (Martha)

**HYMN #247** *Now the Green Blade Rises*

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** Casino Road Kids Ministries  
- Tyrone McMorris,  
Founder and  
Executive Director

**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 #634** *To God Be the Glory*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**