



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

—from Psalm 34:1-8, the Message translation

I bless God every chance I get;
my lungs expand with his praise!
I live and breathe God.
If things aren't going well, hear this and be
happy:
God is ever present; God is at work.
God meets us more than halfway,
he frees us from our anxious fears.
Look at him; give him your warmest smile;
never hide your feelings from God.
God's angel sets up a circle
of protection around us while we pray.
Open your mouth and taste,
open your eyes and see—
how good God is.

HYMN #32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

PRAYER OF PRAISE—from Psalm 147

How good it is to sing praises to our God!
The Lord builds up his people
and gathers the outcasts.
God heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
God determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
The Lord lifts up the downtrodden.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!
God strengthens and blesses;
God grants peace;
God sends forth his word;
God watches over us.

RESPONSE #661 *His Eye is on the Sparrow*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Loving God, we confess that too often our
thoughts and decisions are shaped by our
fears, and not our faith. We also confess
that our thoughts at times are so
dominated by the past or the future that
we fail to live fully in the present and
acknowledge your involvement in each
moment of our daily lives. We become
blind to the good and the beautiful
around us and fail to delight in you, as
you delight in us.

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Isaiah 12:2-3

*Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and will not be afraid,
for the Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.*

Beloved, know that God's well of love is deep and never runs dry. God is with you, God strengthens you, God grants you peace and well-being.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #37 *Let All Things Now Living*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 37:1-8
Philippians 1:3-11 and 4:8

MESSAGE Find the Good

HYMN #821 *How Can I Keep from Singing*

MOMENT FOR MISSION Clothes for Kids
- Lisa George,
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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 #80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy*
(sung through twice)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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