



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 105 1-5)

O give thanks to the Holy One, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among all peoples.

**Sing to God, sing praises;
tell of all God's wonderful works.
Glory in The Holy Name;
let the hearts of those
who seek the Creator rejoice.
Seek and know the Holy One,
know the Creator's power;
yet rest in God's presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles, and the judgments.

**Give thanks to the Holy One,
call on God's name,
make known God's deeds among all peoples.**

HYMN #626 *As the Deer*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(from the Book of Common Worship)

O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

(In this prayer we consider and reflect on not only our personal areas of confession, but we also reflect on and confess the failures of the whole church. Please join in this communal confession as you reflect as well on God's love and calling for you.)

Wondrous God we have been like people asleep;
awaken us to the changing world around us.

Saving Lord, we have held on to a past awash with flood waters,
**save us, set our feet on solid ground,
and set us on a new course.**

Holy Spirit, we have sought to create a church of our own making;
**enliven us with your creative power,
cause us in to grow together in love,
building anew the church rooted in Christ.**

**Holy Trinity, forgive us as we hold back, open us
to the new things you are creating, to the glory
of your name. Amen.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—also inspired by James 3

God proclaims, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." In Christ we are forgiven, by the power of the Holy Spirit new life sprouts in the desert parts of our lives. God is making us and the church new today! **Alleluia! Amen.**

HYMN#772 *Live into Hope*

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 3:1-15
Matthew 16:21-28

MESSAGE

HYMN #530 *One Bread, One Body*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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 #314 *Christ Be Our Light*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE