



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 149:2, Matt 18:20, Rom 13:11)

Jesus has promised us:
I am with you when you gather in my name.

We rejoice in the presence of the Lord.

Now is the time to wake from sleep.

Now our salvation is near!

HYMN #442 *Just as I Am*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

From the beginning until now, loving God, we have turned away from you, following lesser ways, pursuing a lesser life than the life offered to us in Christ. Yet you will not abandon us. You call out, warning and wooing us to turn, to return to you. Even when we fall away from brothers and sisters in the church, you remain present with us. Help us to love as you love — wholeheartedly — until we are reconciled to you and to our neighbor. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE #435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives — that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to you as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

(time for silent reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace — in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

PASS THE PEACE

HYMN #366 *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ezekiel 33:7-11
Matthew 18:15-20

MESSAGE *Sheri Teesdale*

HYMN #316 *When Charity and Love Prevail*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(respond with: "Lord, in your mercy, hear our 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 #306 *Blessed Be the Tie that Binds*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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