



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us praise God together
in the company of his gathered people.

**You, O God, illumine our world
with the light of a new day,
dispelling darkness and bringing
the freshness of new possibilities.**

We gather to receive strength, encouragement,
and hope in God as we sing and pray.

**You, O God, illumine our lives
with the light of your presence,
dispelling fear, and bringing
the freshness of renewed hope.**

Here, in this time, we can remember
all the ways God has graced us:

**here, in this place and time,
we are reminded that God is with us, always!**

HYMN #401 *Here in This Place*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of creation,
with all your creatures great and small
we sing your bounty and your goodness,
for in the abundance of land and ocean,
in the cycles of the seasons,
and the wonders of each creature,
you reveal your generosity.
Teach us the gratitude that helps us see the good,
that we may honor each gift
as an expression of your grace,
and learn to trust your goodness more and more.

RESPONSE #647 *Give Thanks* (sung through twice)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Gracious God, source of all life,
Lord of mercy and grace,
hear our prayer.

We come before you in need of healing:
the healing of our bodies and souls,
the healing of our relationships,
the healing of our pride and fear and apathy.
We know that with you, nothing is impossible,
not even our healing,
not even the restoration of the whole world.
We pray that you will heal us,
that you will heal our world,
so that we will be freed
to serve and love and dream and be,
as Christ calls us.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends: hear this good news
and see the grace of God:
You are forgiven. You are loved.
You are free to go and live in the light of love.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #625 *How Great Thou Art*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 4:32-37 and Acts 11:19-26

MESSAGE Their Story, Our Story:
the Power of Encouragement (Barnabas)

HYMN #450 *Be Thou My Vision*

MOMENT FOR MISSION—Homage Senior Services
*Mollie Meyer, Individual &
Corporate Giving Officer*

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 #543 *O Christ, Surround Me*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE