



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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 this beautiful place.**

Loving God, King of creation,
**open our eyes to see your presence,
our souls to sense your presence,
and our hearts to love your presence,
as we praise you
for your goodness and power.**

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

PRAYER OF PRAISE

**O God who is greater
than the most powerful forces in this world,
enable us to be still
and know that you are God.**

**O Lord who answers
out of the whirlwind
of everyday life,
breathe in us your Holy Spirit
to strengthen, comfort,
and guide us in the midst
of the storms of life.**

**O still, small voice, speak to us this hour
that we might become
makers of your peace
in our homes, in our communities,
in our world.**

**We pray all this in the name of the One
who calmed the raging sea. Amen.**

RESPONSE #184 *Calm to the Waves*

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

**Creator God, how easy it is to forget your
presence and power in our lives.
Surrounded by the sounds of outrage and
bad news, we have trouble listening to your
whispers of hope and grace.**

Distracted by daily tasks or fears, we miss out on the beauty that is emerging before our eyes in the world around us. May your forgiving and renewing love open our eyes to see and our ears to hear, that we may be strengthened in faith, hope and love.

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

—based on Isaiah 40:28-31

Haven't you heard?
The good news is this:
God never tires out, God is always with us,
God heals us with mercy, God strengthens us for service.

**The One who numbers the stars knows each of us by name.
Thanks be to God, we are known and loved and renewed!**

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN *O the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 14:10-15 and
Luke 8:22-25

MESSAGE Calm Amidst the Storm

HYMN #819 *Be Still My Soul*

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 #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

