



PRELUDE *Air*, by J.S. Back
- David Little, piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as God's beloved children –
**however glad we are,
however out of sorts we are.**
We come together as a people
whom Jesus calls into community –
so this becomes a place where all are welcome.
We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing –
**because we acknowledge God
as our refuge and strength
our ever-present help in changing times.**

HYMN #275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

The Word you spoke, and keep speaking, O God
is the life, the sustenance,
of all that is – seen and unseen.
The life you gave, and keep giving, O Christ
is the recreation, the renewed birth
of every broken, wounded and sinful creature.
The breath you breathed, and keep breathing,
O Spirit
is the inspiration for creativity,
compassion and community
that connects and unites all that God has made.
Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God,
our worship seeks to honor you
our hearts seek to be devoted to you
and our voices are raised in praise to you.

RESPONSE #619 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

God of the old and the new:
you have said, "I am doing a new thing,"
and you call us to trust you
and your heart of goodness
as your new work unfolds.

We want to embrace your new way,
but we confess that we like the old ways just fine.
We repeat tired ideas and resist new possibilities.
We are often too afraid of the unknown
to step out into something new.
Open our minds and hearts to become willing
to trust you more,
and open our eyes to see the new work
that you are doing in our lives, and in the world.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from 2Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good news!
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you,
and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Micah 7:4b-7
Matthew 10:34-39

MESSAGE *Classic Riot*
Kim Herbert

HYMN #720 *Jesus Calls Us*

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 #733 *We All Are One in Mission*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE