



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to God,

**who rescues us from the power of darkness;
who redeems us, and sets us free!**

Praise be to Jesus Christ, the first born of all
creation,

**through whom all things were made,
in heaven and on the earth.**

Praise be to the Spirit of God,

**whose presence sustains us,
and whose breath renews all creation.**

Jesus said "Behold! I am making all things new!"

**Come, O God, and make your home among us.
Pour out your Spirit, and renew the face of the
earth.**

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

PRAYER OF PRAISE—based on Psalm 36:5-10

**God of abundant and steadfast love,
we gather to praise you and give you glory.
Your love is deeper than the deepest seas,
and all of creation cannot contain the love
that flows so faithfully and generously
from your heart of grace.**

**All-loving and all-merciful God,
help us today to receive the light of your love
into our lives,
so that with honest hearts,
we may experience your peace
surrounding and upholding us in our daily lives,
and in turn bring peace to your world. Amen.**

HYMN *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (insert)*

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

—inspired by John 17 and Ephesians 4

**O God, whose will it is that all your children
should be one in Christ;
we pray for the unity of your Church.**

**Pardon all our pride and our lack of faith,
our lack of understanding and of charity,
which are the causes of our divisions.**

**Deliver us from narrow-mindedness,
from our willfulness,
from our prejudices.**

**Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace
among all those who call upon you
and confess the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

—inspired by Ephesians 2:11-22

Do you remember?

At one time, you were without Christ;
you were the stranger, the outsider, the alien.
But now, in Christ, you have been brought home,
living in God's household of hope and peace.

God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever; God's forgiveness makes us new and whole.

Thanks be to God!

SONGS OF PRAISE—led by Glory of Christ Church

SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 28:16-20 and
Ephesians 4:1-16

MESSAGE A Conversation with
Pastor Tamrat Kashike

HYMN #296 *Go in Grace and Make Disciples*

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 #309 *Come, Great God of All the Ages*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

