



**PRELUDE** *Eternal Father Strong to Save*  
*(The Navy Hymn)*  
- David Little, piano

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**—from Psalm 148

Praise God from the heavens!

**Praise God from the skies above!**

Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!

**Praise God, sun and moon, and shining stars!**

Praise God, all creatures great and small,

**Praise God, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!**

Praise God, presidents and monarchs,  
and people everywhere,

**Praise God, women and men, younger and older!**

Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord,  
at whose word creation came into being.

**We gather to praise and give thanks to our God!**

**HYMN #15** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

**EXPRESSIONS OF THANKSGIVING**

**RESPONSE #606** *Praise God from Whom*  
*All Blessings Flow*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

Loving God, we confess that it is hard these days to focus on the good, to stay positive, and to be grateful for what we have. It is easy to lose patience and hope, and we get caught between wanting to do whatever we please, and wanting to be helpful and generous to others. Help us to lean on you and each other when things get difficult. Encourage our hearts, and help us to be your people, to the best of our ability in these unusual days. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who is with us always.

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**—from Psalm 103:1-5 and 11-12

**Bless the Lord, O my soul—**  
**who forgives all my sin,**  
**who brings me healing and redemption,**  
**and crowns me with steadfast love and mercy,**  
**so that my life is renewed like the eagle.**

As the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is God's steadfast love toward us;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far God removes our transgressions from us.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #37** *Let All Things Now Living*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Psalm 65  
Luke 17:11-19

**MESSAGE** What God Wants to Know:  
Where Are the Grateful Ones?

**HYMN #612** *We Praise You, O God,*  
*Our Redeemer, Creator*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*—Dedication of pledges and gifts for 2024*

*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 #714** *God of the Fertile Fields*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

