



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We may be thirsty and parched,
like an unwatered garden,
so we come into God's presence:

The Divine One is a spring of water!

We may be weary from worry and work
so we come into God's presence:

The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!

We may be lost or confused
so we come into God's presence:

The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

We may be bent over with struggle or pain
So we come into God's presence:

The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!

The Psalmist says, "*Praise the Lord... bless God's name,
And forget not all his benefits.*" (Ps.103:1-2).
Let us now praise God together!

HYMN #33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

PRAYER OF PRAISE—based on Isaiah 11:2

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon us:
a spirit of wisdom and understanding.

**Strengthen us with your gifts
of wisdom and understanding.**

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon us:
a spirit of right judgment and courage.

**Strengthen us with your gifts
of right judgment and courage.**

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon us:
a spirit of knowledge and wisdom.

**Strengthen us with your gifts
of knowledge and wisdom.**

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon us:
a spirit of wonder and awe
in the presence of the living God.

**Strengthen us with your gifts
of wonder and awe. Amen.**

RESPONSE #288 *Spirit of the Living God* (sung through twice)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Wind of God, blow far from us

**all dark despair,
all deep distress,
all groundless fears,
all disordered desires,
all selfish wishes,
all wasteful worries.**

Wind of God, blow into us

**your holy presence,
your life-giving love,
your healing touch,
your robust courage,
your inward strength,
your perfect peace,
your loving concern,
your divine grace,
your boundless joy.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

—based on 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

All the promises of God find their “Yes” in Christ.
That is why we utter “Amen” through him,
to the glory of God.
It is God who has put his seal upon us
and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.
In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are renewed.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #316 *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
 Romans 13:8-10

MESSAGE The Fruit of the Spirit: Loving Our Neighbors

HYMN #767 *Together We Serve*

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 #546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE