PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 92:1-5

It is good to praise the Lord
and make music to your name, O Most High,

to proclaim your steadfast love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;
for you make us glad by your deeds, O Lord;
we sing for joy at the works of your hands.

How great are your works, O Lord,
how faithful your ways!

With voices united in praise,
we celebrate your everlasting and
unconditional love.

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

PRAYER OF PRAISE–based on Matthew 13:1-9

Loving God,
we come into your presence with expectation,
hungry for an encounter with you.
Awaken our senses to the presence of your Holy Spirit.
May the seeds of your Word that are scattered
this morning fall on fertile soil.
May they take root in our hearts and lives,
and produce an abundant harvest of
fruitful words and actions.
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,
the sower of the Word,
and Master Gardener of our lives.

RESPONSE #308 ***O God in Whom All Life Begins***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Faithful God, we are not always people who live by faith. In uncertain times like this it is easy to pull in on ourselves and try to control outcomes.

Forgive our lack of faith and our limited vision in what you can do. Help us to know that you are working your good purposes out, and help us to see the good and acknowledge your faithfulness in the midst of turbulent times. Mostly, we want to experience the joy and assurance of your presence with us.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE– from Psalm 145:13-14

"The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord raises up all who are bowed down."

People of God, know the faithful love of God, the mercy of Jesus Christ the Savior, and the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #465 ***What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 12:1-4
Hebrews 11:8-12

MESSAGE The Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness

HYMN #42 ***Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure***

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 #39 ***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE