



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

As darkness gives way to light  
and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

**we come today to be reminded  
of God's love for us.**

Like the green shoots of renewed life,  
stirring beneath the soil,

**we welcome an awakening  
of God's Word and Spirit in our lives.**

In this time of reflection and repentance at  
the beginning of Lent,

**we affirm our identity, we claim our  
security,  
as children of God.**

**HYMN** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

O God, who created us in love,  
create us anew in love as we worship you.

O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world  
in love,

reclaim our hearts as we worship you.

O Holy Spirit,  
who moves this world forward in love,  
move within us as we worship you. Amen.

**RESPONSE #434** *Restore in Us, O God*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**—from Hebrews 12:1-2

*“Therefore... let us throw off everything  
that hinders and the sin that so easily  
entangles, and let us run with  
perseverance the race marked out for us.  
Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and  
perfector of our faith, who for the joy set  
before him endured the cross, scorning its  
shame, and sat down at the right hand of  
the throne of God.”*

In the strength of this assurance, let us  
bring our confession to God:

***Lenten Prayer of Confession and  
Reflection***

**Loving Lord, at the beginning  
of this Lenten season,  
we are met with the challenge  
of handing over every bit of our lives to  
you and following you wholeheartedly.  
To rid ourselves of what clutters our lives,  
and all that distracts us from  
the simple truth of your love for us.  
So, lead and guide us on this Lenten way.  
May we walk with Jesus toward the hill  
outside of Jerusalem.  
May we, like him,  
take up our cross and follow,  
spending each moment of our lives living  
responsively to you.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**  
—based on Isaiah 55:6-7

“Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near.

Let us return to the Lord  
that he may have mercy on us,  
to our God, for he will abundantly  
pardon.”

Friends in Christ, know that our God—the  
God of  
love—is always near, always merciful,  
always pouring forth abundance.  
Be at peace, love your neighbor,  
and do the work of reconciliation  
as ambassadors of Christ in this world.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #451** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Isaiah 50:4-8, and  
Luke 9:51-62

**MESSAGE** Jesus on a Mission

**HYMN #507** *Come to the Table of Grace*

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

**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 #65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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