

PRELUDE **Medley:** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, Welsh Folk Melody 1839,* and *I Vow to Thee, My Country, Gustav Holst 1915*
- Ian Alvarez, brass

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of our lives invites us to come and worship,
to bring our whole self to this gathering of praise—
to rest from the things that are troubling us,
to learn what Christ can teach of life and faith,
to realize what we can offer to others
and to return into the world to serve.
Let us worship God!

HYMN #475 ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of our hearts, with joy and gladness
we greet you in worship this morning.
God of the sunrise and the sunset,
we welcome this new day.
God of the highest mountain and the deepest valley,
hear our prayers and our praise,
as we come before you with our needs,
and our gratitude.
God of our faith, we put our trust in you
knowing that it is well placed in your gentle
and caring hands.

RESPONSE #664 ***Morning Has Broken***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always understand your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams do not turn out the way we want. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question your presence and your power. Forgive us, and grant us patience to wait for your good timing.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Psalm 145:8-9

"*The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made*."

People of God, know God's compassion and grace, and walk in love. Live as those who have been forgiven and freed from the burdens of guilt and fear. God's goodness and mercy follow you every hour of every day.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN (insert) ***Sweet Hour of Prayer***

SCRIPTURE READINGS James 5:7-11
Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17

MESSAGE Fruit of the Spirit: Patience and Perspective

HYMN #45 ***I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes***

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 #450 ***Be Thou My Vision***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We all Our God*,
Johann Crüger 1647
- Ian Alvarez, chimes variation