



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Isaiah 61:1-4

We come to worship Christ
**who proclaims good news to the poor,
who binds up the broken-hearted,
frees the prisoner,
and comforts those who mourn.**

We come to worship Christ
**who bestows a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.**

We come to worship Christ
**who rebuilds old ruins
and restores broken places.**

HYMN #265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Eternal Light,
shine into our hearts;
eternal Goodness,
deliver us from evil;
eternal Power,
be our support;
eternal Wisdom,
scatter the darkness of our ignorance;
eternal Love,
**have mercy upon us,
that with all our heart and mind and strength
we may seek your face
and be welcomed, by your mercy,
to your loving presence
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN #645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

God of birth, God of joy, God of life,
we come to you as a people hungry for good news.
We have been so blind to miracles
that we have missed the world's rebirth.

We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures
and have overlooked the joy you offer us.
We have been so concerned with making a living
that we have missed the life you offer to us.
Restore us, gracious God.
Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gifts;
open our lips and hands to share them with our
neighbors.

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Take comfort in the assurance
that even those things that are hidden from
memory,
or are too deep for our words,
are not beyond God's forgiving love.
God, who knows us completely,
bestows pardon and peace.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 42:5-9 and
Luke 4:14-30

MESSAGE Jesus' Mission, Our Mission

HYMN #761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

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 #543 *O Christ, Surround Me*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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