



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—based on Matthew 11:28-30

We gather together this day to worship

because Jesus invites us to come!

We come as we are,
with our faith and our doubts,
with our successes and our failures,

because Jesus invites us to come.

We come with what we have,
bringing with us the events and experiences
of this past week.

because Jesus invites us to come.

We come to God's table of grace

because Jesus invites us to come.

HYMN #401 *Here in this Place*

PRAYER OF PRAISE—based on Matthew 11:28-30

In times of weakness and hour of need,
yours is the strength by which we carry on,
the shoulder we rest our head upon.
When our load is heavy and too much to bear,
yours are the arms outstretched to help us,
the grace we depend on.

In times of weakness and hour of need,
your voice is heard,
"Come, find rest."
This is grace divine,
the path we walk toward wholeness
of body and spirit,
the path that leads to you,
and for which we offer our praise.

RESPONSE #501 *Feed Us, Lord*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Loving God, when it comes to faith
we can say all the correct words,
but sometimes we leave our hearts behind.
We have sometimes kept ourselves busy
and trying too hard.
But for many, self-sufficiency has left
exhaustion in its wake,
and we are left anxious and bereft.
We give up trying to get our act together!
We come to you now, as you have invited us.
Show us your heart and train us in humility.
We ask for insight to see
and to take opportunities for rest.
Thank you, gentle savior.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

On mountains and in valleys,
in our homes and in our hearts,
God knows us better than we know ourselves,
and God does for us
what we cannot do for ourselves.

**By God's mercy we are forgiven;
by God's mercy we are made whole;
by God's mercy, we have peace;
by God's mercy we are equipped to serve
others.**

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 18:9-14
 Matthew 5:3

MESSAGE The Upside-Down Kingdom:
Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

HYMN #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

—and dedication of the Peace and Global Witness

Offering

Loving God, help us as we
work pursue peace.
May we see your face in those we meet,
in our neighborhoods and around
the world
Show us how we might be bringers
of peace to the rich tapestry you
created for all of your people.

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 #722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE