



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!  
The whole earth reflects  
God's majesty and strength.

When we recall the wonders of God's  
creation,

we rejoice at the beauty  
and complexity of it all.  
Lord, you bring us from fear to hope.

Let us worship and praise God  
for all God's faithfulness.

## HYMN #20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

—based on the beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who  
gathers the poor of the earth.

Glorious is our God,  
who wipes away the tears of sorrow.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives  
inheritance to the meek.

Glorious is our God,  
who satisfies the hunger of the just.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives  
mercy to the merciful.

Glorious is our God,  
who gives vision to the pure in heart.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts  
the peacemakers.

Glorious is our God,  
who lifts high the persecuted.

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds  
the lost.

Glorious is our God,  
who awakens the dead.

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Merciful God, you have loved us with a love  
beyond our understanding, and you have  
set us on right paths for your name's sake.  
Yet we have strayed from your way; we  
have accepted the power structures of this  
world as the only way to solve problems.  
We forget that you chose a path of humility  
and self-sacrifice as the true way of love  
and peace. As we remember the lavish gift  
of your grace, we give you thanks that you  
forgive again and again. Grant us the grace  
to see as you see, and to love as you love.

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

—from Romans 8:35, 37-39

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Thanks be to God!

## PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #372 *O for a World*

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1Corinthians 1:25-29  
and

Matthew 5:1-12

MESSAGE The Beatitudes: Learning to See as God Sees

HYMN #346 *For the Healing of the Nations*

MOMENT FOR MISSION Casino Road Kids Ministries

- Tyrone McMorris,  
Executive Director

## 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.*

SENDING SONG #750 *Goodness is Stronger  
than Evil*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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

