



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

What does the Lord require of us?

**To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

What does God command of us?

**To love God with all our heart,
and all our soul,
and all our mind,
and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

God does not call us to ease or to comfort,

**but to presence, and abundance,
and grace in our journey.**

Let us worship the God who believes in us,
trusts in us, and abides with us.

**Let us worship the God
who calls us to walk in faith,
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

HYMN #41 *O Worship the King*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

**God our creator and redeemer,
we have tasted your goodness
in days gone by
and it has satisfied us;
but now with this new day**

**we turn to you again
for the bread of life
that you have prepared for us
and for the wine of the Spirit
that you pour out for your people.
Help us to empty ourselves
of those things that hinder us
from knowing the fullness of your love,
and fill us with those things
that make us all that you want us to be.
We need the nourishment
that you have to offer.
Fill us, we pray, and make us whole.**

RESPONSE #501 *Feed Us, Lord*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

— based on 1Thessalonians 5:16-18: *“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

Loving God, we confess that it is often easier to be grumpy and critical rather than joyful and grateful. It is easier to worry than to pray. Forgive us when we take your gifts for granted, and miss the abundance that surrounds us. Grant us clear vision, open hearts, and willing spirits, that our trust in you may increase day by day.

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from 2Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, with whom we are reconciled through Christ.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #774 *There is Now a New Creation*

SCRIPTURE READINGS James 4:13-17
Romans 12:1-2

MESSAGE Knowing and Doing God's Will

HYMN #771 *What is the World Like*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Come, all you who are loved by God! Christ invites all to trust in him and to dine at his table. Come to receive all the benefits and blessings of his atoning death, his life-giving resurrection, and his ascended lordship.

We come to the table not just as individuals but as a community. By sharing the bread and the cup, Christ makes us one with him and with each other.

Just as we are nourished by the food we eat, Christ nourishes us spiritually at this table with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.

At the Lord's Supper we look *back*, remembering the story of our salvation; we look *around*, seeing that we are together members of the body of Christ; we look *forward* to the great banquet in God's coming kingdom; and we look *within* to find our indwelling Lord, who promises to feed us by the Holy Spirit.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
Let us give thanks:

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

With joy we praise you, gracious Father, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we wandered away from you.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name. Amen.

At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Take, eat! Remember and believe that the body of Christ is the bread of heaven for us. Take, drink! Remember and believe that the blood of Christ is the cup of our salvation.

[Closing Prayer:]

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

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 (see insert) *Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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