



PRELUDE Telemann Sonata in F Minor
TWV41:1, II. Allegro
- Ian Alvarez, accompanist

Note: Ian will be accompanied by recorded piano music, so you won't actually see anybody playing piano in the sanctuary!

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, my soul!

With all my being I bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and forget none of his benefits.

**God pardons all wrongdoing
and brings healing to the sick.
The Lord rescues me from death's pit
and crowns me with love and compassion.
God satisfies me with all good all of my life,
and my strength is renewed like an eagle's.**

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HYMN #749 *Come! Live in the Light!*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

**O Bread of heaven, come down.
Come down and fill us—
for your Spirit satisfies like no other.**

**We hunger and thirst for you this morning
and long to be nurtured
in your love and forgiveness.
So we come to this sacred time and place,
where our hungers are satisfied
as only the Bread of Life can do.
We will wait and listen
for your leading in this time of worship. Amen.**

RESPONSE #501 *Feed Us, Lord*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

—based on Psalm 103:13-17

*As a parent has compassion for their children,
so the Lord has compassion for us.
For God knows how we were made;
our creator remembers that we are dust.
As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone.
But the steadfast love of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.*

**Creator God, out of your love and mercy you
breathed into dust the breath of life, creating
us to serve you and our neighbors. In this
season of reflection and renewal, restore to us
the joy of your salvation and strengthen us to
face our mortality, that we may reach with
confidence for your mercy, through Jesus
Christ, our Lord.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Psalm 103:8-12

Friends in Christ, hear the good news:
*"The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast
love.
God does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's love toward those who fear
him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far God removes our sins from us."*

In Jesus Christ we are offered mercy and grace;
we are forgiven and healed.
Be at peace, and walk in faith, hope, and love.

By God's mercy, we will. Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #439 *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer*

SCRIPTURE READINGS James 1:19-20
Ephesians 4:25—5:2

MESSAGE Deadly Sins and Life-Giving Virtues:
Wrath and Mercy

HYMN #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

MOMENT FOR MISSION Carla Danson,
Community
Resources Coordinator,
Pathways for Women

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 #753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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