



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we pass through the waters,

All: God is there with us.

One: When we suffer and feel hopeless,

All: God is there with us.

One: When we are joyful and celebratory,

All: God is there with us.

One: When we feel triumphant or defeated,

All: God is there with us, always.

One: Come, let us worship together
our Emmanuel, God with us.

HYMN #65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Gracious God, thank you that you hold us with your powerful hand. You have led us this far, and we trust you to continue to lead us through this long journey. Silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek your kingdom first and enable us to follow your will, now and always.

RESPONSE #175 *Seek Ye First*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse us; forgive us; restore us through Jesus, our sinless savior and our dear friend. Amen.
(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE – from Psalm 32 (NLT):

"Oh, what joy for those
whose disobedience is forgiven,
whose sin is put out of sight!
... When I refused to confess my sin,
my body wasted away,
and I groaned all day long.
Finally, I confessed all my sins to you
and stopped trying to hide my guilt.
I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to
the Lord."
And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone."

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #458 *Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Hebrews 4:14-16
Matthew 4:1-11

MESSAGE Jesus in the Wilderness
- Rev. Emily Mitchell

HYMN #509 *All Who Hunger, Gladly Gather*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

SONG #724 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE