



WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 118:1, 14

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord is our strength and our song;

God is our hope and our salvation!

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

HYMN #393 *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

On this day of rest and gladness
we rejoice in you, creator God.
On this day of communion
we rejoice in the gift of your Spirit,
which binds us to you
and to our sisters and brothers
in this community.
In this time of worship
refresh and strengthen our lives
as we offer to you our thanksgiving and praise.

RESPONSE #501 *Feed Us, Lord*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Loving God, we confess that it is challenging these days to focus on the good, and to be grateful for what we have. It is easy to lose patience and hope, and we get caught between wanting to do whatever we please, and wanting to be helpful and generous to others. Help us to lean on you, and each other, when things get difficult. Encourage our hearts, and help us to be your peaceful and peacemaking people, to the best of our ability, in these unusual days. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who is with us always.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Psalm 103:1-5 and 11-12

**Bless the Lord, O my soul—
who forgives all my sin,
who brings me healing and redemption,
and crowns me with steadfast love and mercy,
so that my life is renewed.**

As the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love toward us;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far God removes our transgressions from us.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN (insert) *This Is My Father's World*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mark 6:30-44
2Corinthians 9:6-15

MESSAGE Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations:
Extravagant Generosity

HYMN #716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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.

HYMN #749 *Come, Live in the Light*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE