



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**—from Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all you nations!  
Extol him, all you peoples!

**For great is God’s steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures  
forever.**

**Praise the Lord!**

**HYMN #14** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

What do you want to praise God for today?

**RESPONSE** (see insert) *This Is My Father’s World*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

**Amid the troubles and threats of a world  
trembling on the brink of destructive forces,  
we look to you, merciful God, for assurance  
and guidance. Our eyes see desolation, but  
we would set our feet on the way of faith and  
hope. Forgive us for the ways we have  
contributed to discord and destruction. Sow  
within us seeds of a new day when your  
realm is acknowledged and realized in our  
midst.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**—from Psalm 145:8-9

*The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to  
anger and abounding in steadfast love. The  
Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all  
that he has made.*

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives  
and redeems you. Take hold of God’s mercy  
and love, and live your life in the Way and in  
the Spirit of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #703** *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Micah 6:6-8  
Luke 6:27-42

**MESSAGE** Learning to See as God Sees:  
Blessed are the Merciful

**HYMN #475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**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 #435** *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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

