



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 34:1-3

*I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.*

HYMN #299 *You Servants of God, Your Master
Proclaim*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Living God of past and future,
we praise you for this present moment.
Fill us with your joy
and empower us with your Holy Spirit,
that our strength may be renewed
to bear witness to your love
in a world which longs for your justice and peace.
We ask in the name of Jesus,
in whom we become
your new creation.

RESPONSE #755 *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*



PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

—by Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

Open unto me — light for my darkness.
Open unto me — courage for my fear.
Open unto me — hope for my despair.
Open unto me — peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me — joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me — strength for my weakness.
Open unto me — wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me — forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me — love for my hates.
Open unto me — thy Self for my self.
Lord, Lord, open unto me!

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—based on 1Timothy 1:15

Here are words you may trust,
words that merit full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save.
To all who confess their sins
and resolve to follow the Way of Jesus,
he says, "You are forgiven."
He also says, "Follow me."

The Way of Jesus is summarized in Micah 6:8:
*"God has shown you what is good,
and what the Lord requires of you:
Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God."*

In Christ we are redeemed and renewed,
strengthened and Spirit-inspired
to follow, humbly, in the paths of peace and justice.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #772 *Live into Hope*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 42:1-9
Romans 12:9-21

MESSAGE Everyday Mysticism:
Spirituality and Social Action
(Howard Thurman)

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

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 #700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*
(sung through twice)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE