



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

—adapted from Psalms 19 and 100

This is the day that the Lord has made,

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The heavens and earth declare the glory of God—

**not in words  
but in a glorious technicolor show  
of blossoms and buds and light;  
every day declares in wordless language  
that God, Creator God, made it all.**

Look at the birds of the heaven, Jesus says,  
take a lesson from them.

**We set aside worry and fear,  
and set our attention on the goodness of God,  
and the abundance that surrounds us.**

Enter God's presence now in worship  
with thanksgiving and praise.

## HYMN #664 *Morning Has Broken*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE—from Psalm 150

***Praise the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!***

***Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his surpassing  
greatness!  
Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!  
Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!  
Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!  
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!***

## RESPONSE #610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**Forgive us, we pray, for our fearfulness, as we tend to rely more upon our own illusions of control and satisfaction, even though we know that they are illusions. Forgive us for not trusting in your grace, in your abundance, and in the covenant promises that you have renewed with every generation. In Christ, may we learn to love you with our whole heart, and learn to live in the flow of your grace and peace.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

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

*The Lord is gracious and full of mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
The Lord is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all he has made.*

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, comes so that we might know God's mercy and love. We have been graciously granted the privilege and joy of being included in God's reconciling work on earth.

So, by the power of the Holy Spirit may we live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

**May it be so. Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #308** *O God in Whom All Life Begins*

**SCRIPTURE READING**   Jonah 3:1-4:5  
                                  Matthew 20:1-16

**MESSAGE**   Parables of Jesus: It Isn't Fair!

**HYMN #515** *I Come with Joy*

**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 #761** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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

