



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—inspired by Psalm 23

In the darkest valley,

at the banquet table;

in the hard work of life,

at the moments of ease;

in our day-to-day reality,

at times set aside—

like this time, now—

for worship, for listening, for paying attention;

with every step we take:

**goodness and mercy follow us;
our cup of blessing overflows.**

With gratitude in your hearts for God's grace,
our source of every blessing,
sing praise to God,
who feeds us with the bread of life,
and quenches our thirst
from the well of living water.

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

PRAYER OF PRAISE—Psalm 67

***¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,***

***² that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.***

***³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.***

***⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you treat the peoples with equity.***

***⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.***

***⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.***

***⁷ May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.***

RESPONSE #341 *O God, Show Mercy to Us*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**We hear the call to trust in God always,
But honestly, some days our stresses and doubts
are more real to us than God, and trust is elusive.
We remember the stories of those
who dared to believe in God's promises,
but belief like that is hard to come by.
When the world seems filled with dangers,
we can be quick to protect ourselves,
and we forget the wisdom of scripture,
which reminds us that God is with us always.
With God's help, we confront our fears and
struggles,
and we call upon a power greater than our own
to resist their pull.
Hear us, Gracious One, as we confess our need.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Though fear should beset us;
though troubles cause us to close our doors;
though possible danger may lead us to doubt;
only one thing is necessary:
turn back to God's promise of grace.
Remember that God is reaching out with loving arms,
and let yourself be held.
Only ask for mercy and kindness, and it is yours;
and know that in Christ Jesus, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN (insert) *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 12:1-4
 Hebrews 11:8-12

MESSAGE Blessed to Be a Blessing

HYMN (insert) *Let Your Heart Be Broken*

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 #767 *Together We Serve*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

