



PRELUDE *Here I Am, Lord*
- Dan Woodworth, soloist
- Ian Alvarez, accompanist (piano)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

**to come to you freely in these moments—
to praise and confess,
to receive peace and give it,
to pray and sing and listen,
to renew our fainting spirits,
to rest in all your promises.**

Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

**Open our ears to hear you speak.
Visit us through your Holy Spirit,
and help us to celebrate our faith.**

HYMN #32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

PRAYER OF PRAISE—from Psalm 36:5-9

*“Your steadfast love, O Lord,
extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.
How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge
in the shadow of your wings.*

*They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink
from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.”*

RESPONSE #501 *Feed Us, Lord*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**Creator God, giver of mercy, full of grace:
you have called us to one table,
but we have pursued our own course.
You have promised us the abundance of all
creation, but in our greed and in our envy, the
world goes without.
You have promised us the bread
of life itself, but in our pride and in our
arrogance, the world goes hungry.
You have promised us the waters of peace and
justice, but in our violence and in our discord, the
world goes thirsty.
And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy
on us. Transform us at this table, and send us
from this table as servants of your Kingdom.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even when our cups run dry,
God’s grace overflows.
Even when our plates are empty,
God’s generosity overflows.
And even when our hearts feel barren,
God’s love overflows.
Friends, you have been called and claimed by the
God of all things,
and by the abundance of God’s grace,
and by the power of God’s love,
your sins have been forgiven.
Go in peace.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #19 *God of Great and God of Small*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Revelation 22:1-5
 Matthew 13:31-33

MESSAGE It Starts Small

HYMN #250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

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 #771 *What is the World Like*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Life Every Voice and Sing*
- David Little, piano
- Ian Alvarez, drums

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

