



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, all you whose souls thirst  
for the living God.

**We come in search of help and hope.**

Come, you who are acquainted with grief  
or oppression.

**We come bearing our doubts, our wounds,  
and our fears.**

Come, you who are in need of good news.

**We come in search of joy, truth, and light.**  
Come and find refuge in God your rock.

**Let us again praise the One who is our help  
and our hope.**

**HYMN #353 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less***

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**—from Psalm 146

Happy are those whose hope is in God,  
maker of heaven and earth--

**for God keeps faith forever!**

God brings justice for the oppressed  
and gives food for the hungry.

**God sets the prisoners free  
and opens the eyes of the blind.**

God lifts up those who are bowed down.

**God watches over the strangers  
and upholds the orphan and the widow.**

People of God, sing praise to the One  
who is your help—

**for God keeps faith forever!**

**RESPONSE #39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

—written by Thomas Merton

**My Lord God, I have no idea  
where I am going.**

**I cannot see the road ahead of me.**

**I cannot know for certain where it will end.**

**Nor do I really know myself,  
and the fact that I think**

**I am following your will**

**does not mean that I am actually doing so.**

**But, I believe that the desire to please you  
does in fact please you.**

**And I hope I have that desire  
in all that I am doing.**

**I hope that I will never do anything  
apart from that desire.**

**And I know that if I do this**

**you will lead me by the right road,  
though I may know nothing about it.**

**Therefore I will trust you always  
though I may seem to be lost and  
in the shadow of death.**

**I will not fear, for you are ever with me  
and you will never leave me  
to face my perils alone.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

—from Psalm 145:8-9, 13, 17, 19

*The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast  
love.*

*The Lord is good to all,  
and God's compassion is over all that God  
has made.*

*The Lord is faithful in all his words...*

*God is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.*

*God fulfills the desire of all who seek him.*

Know that your deepest needs are met, your wounds healed, and your sins forgiven through the love of God, in the life of the risen Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Be at peace; walk in faith; and love and serve your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### **PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #735** *I Need Thee Every Hour*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** James 2:14-26;  
Hebrews 11:1-3,  
and Luke 17:5-6

**MESSAGE** A Little Faith in a Big God

**HYMN #42** *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure*

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** Chris McBride,  
Domestic Violence  
Services  
of Snohomish County

#### **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.*

**SONG #750** *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*  
**Love is stronger than hate;  
Light is stronger than darkness;  
Life is stronger than death.**

**Victory is ours, victory is ours,  
through God who loves us.  
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#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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

