



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—Psalm 27:1-5, The Message translation

*Light, space, zest—
that's God!
So, with God on our side we can be fearless,
afraid of no one and nothing.
When vandal hordes ride down
ready to eat us alive,
those bullies and toughs
fall flat on their faces.
When besieged,
we're calm as a baby.
When all hell breaks loose,
we're collected and cool.
We're asking God for one thing,
only one thing:
to live in God's presence
our whole life long,
to contemplate God's beauty;
to learn of God at his feet.
That's the only quiet, secure place
in a noisy world,
the perfect getaway,
far from the buzz of traffic.*

HYMN #12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

PRAYER OF PRAISE—by Julian of Norwich (1343—1416)

**Thank you, Lord, for the assurance this day that
because you are God and Jesus is Lord, all will be
well.
This day, Lord, give me grace, free me
from all unholy distractions,
and help me walk with you,
in your Spirit.
I pray through Jesus, Lord,
Savior, Healer, and Forerunner. Amen.
Let us know you, that we may praise you;
and love you, that we may serve you.**

RESPONSE #366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

How can we ever understand

the mystery of your love, O God?
How can we ever estimate
the value of your compassion and mercy?
In our weaknesses and in our strengths,
we find the fortification

of your support and creative energy.
In our fears and suffering, in our joys and pleasures,
we experience the flow of your tears
and the sound of your laughter.
In our failures and in our successes,
we find the comfort of your forgiveness
and the inspiration of your Spirit.

These are gifts beyond measure,
to which we respond with joyful praise.
You are the home we long for,
the family where we discover that we truly belong
the hearth where we are warmed and renewed.
And we respond with our whole being,
wonderful and loving God.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

—from Psalm 27:13-14, The Message translation

*I'm sure now I'll see God's goodness
in the exuberant earth.
Stay with God!
Take heart. Don't quit.
I'll say it again:
Stay with God.*

Beloved, know the goodness, compassion, and
forgiving love of God. Spread the joy and hope
of that grace, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

SONG (insert) *Spirit of the Living God*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 91
Genesis 28:10-17

MESSAGE Everyday Mysticism:
Experiencing God in All Things
(Julian of Norwich)

HYMN (insert) *Through the Love of God Our Savior*

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 #688 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE