



PRELUDE *Allegro con brio, Opus 18 #1,*
by Ludwig van Beethoven
- Cascade Percussion Ensemble

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—based on Psalm 89:1-2, 14-15

I will sing of the tender mercies of the Lord forever!
Young and old will hear of your faithfulness, O God.

Your unfailing love will last forever.
Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.

Righteousness and justice
are the foundation of your throne;
Steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Happy are those
who hear the joyful call to worship,
who walk in the light of your presence
and exult in your strength.

HYMN #645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Feed us O God, in this time together,
with the food that is eternal.
Open us now to hear and experience, deep within,
the word you intend for us to hear.
And unite us in faithful response
to your gracious activity—in each of our lives,
and through our community.
We offer our offering of praise,
as we offer our lives to you
and seek to do your will.

RESPONSE #175 *Seek Ye First*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Loving God, you have created us for yourself, and
our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in you.
In our hunger for meaning
and for right relationship,
we have attempted to fill our hunger
with that which does not truly satisfy.
Spread your feast of love before us, gracious God,
and show us again what is best for us—
and then help us to choose it!

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Psalm 32:7-8

The psalmist declares,

“You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries
of deliverance.”

And God replies,

*“I will instruct you and teach you
the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye
upon you.”*

Friends: God guides us, God watches over us,
God fills us. Receive the good that God wants
to give you, and go forth strengthened in the
lovingkindness of the One who provides for,
and sustains you.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #37 *Let All Things Now Living*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Raindrops by Alice Gomez*
- Cascade Percussion Ensemble

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 25:6-10a
Matthew 5:6, 17-20

MESSAGE The Upside-Down Kingdom:
Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst
for Righteousness

SONG #79 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

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 #42 *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, is Sure*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Bourree from Partita No. 1 by J. S. Bach*
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