



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

As we begin the season of Lent,  
let us be led by the Spirit,

**even if the path to the promised land  
leads through the desert,  
through hunger and doubt and temptation;  
even if we are led  
where we would rather not go.  
Yet we choose to be led by the Spirit  
and end our journey  
with new strength and faith,  
rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

**HYMN #314** *Christ, Be Our Light*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**God of all hope, we gather today deeply aware  
of the world's grief and pain—and our own.  
Comfort us, we pray, with the sure knowledge  
that our Lenten journey culminates in Easter joy.  
We thank you for the life of Christ, our Savior,  
through whom we live. Amen.**

**RESPONSE #630** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Amazing Grace*  
- Dan Woodworth, soloist

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

**Jesus, our Lord and friend, you have told us that life  
is gained by losing it, giving it away,  
and letting it go. We confess that these words  
frighten us, for we are often unwilling to release  
control. Yet during this Lenten season we ask that  
you teach us what it means to let go, that we might  
be embraced by divine love, forever beyond our  
control and forever bountiful in mercy.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**—from Romans 8:37-39

Friends in Christ, hear this good news:

*"In all things we are more than conquerors  
through him who loved us.  
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Receive God's unconditional  
and always-available love,  
and live in love as God's children.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**SONG** (insert) *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Psalm 20  
Matthew 6:7-13

**MESSAGE** Teach Us to Pray: Reveal Who You Are

**SONG** (insert) *Jesus, Name Above All Names*  
- sung through three times

## 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 #265** *Jesus Shall Reign*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**