



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—based on Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God

May our worship reflect God’s glory.

The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

May we also see each other as the handiwork of God.

Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

We commune with God’s people here and around the world, across geography and across time. Let us worship God together!

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

PRAYER OF PRAISE—inspired by Psalm 8

**Sovereign God,
we look at everything you have made,
the works of your hands,
and we stop to consider them with awe.**

**From the intricate immensity
of the universe**

**to the specific singularity of a flower,
your works astonish us.**

**Who are we mortals that you pay
attention to us?**

**We wonder at your love for us
and rejoice in your presence,
praying in the name of the Creator,
of Christ and the Holy Spirit.**

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**Healing God, we long to be free
of burdens that hold us captive.**

**We long to be bearers of good news
to our neighbor.**

**We long to have the light of your love
shine on us.**

**Forgive us our transgressions;
loosen the chains of doubt that bind us.
Hear our prayers...**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Psalm 147:2-6

*The Lord builds up his people;
he gathers the outcasts...
he heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars
and calls them all by name.
The Lord lifts up the downtrodden.*

Friends, hear this good news:
God sees you, calls you by name,
lifts you up, and heals you.
Be at peace, and bear witness
to the good news
of God's love.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #744 *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Sweet Adoration,*
sung by Dan Woodworth
- Words and Music by Lynn
Sutter,
Brown Bannister & Dawn
Rodgers

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 61:1-4,
2Corinthians 1:3-7 and
Matthew 5:4

MESSAGE Learning to See as God Sees:
Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

HYMN #840 *It Is Well with My Soul*

**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.*

SENDING SONG #772 *Live into Hope*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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