



**PRELUDE** Blessed Assurance, Jesus Loves Me  
- Ian Alvarez & Cathy Draper, flute duet

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather to worship the One  
who crafted creation out of chaos,

**our shouts of joy join the anthems of the universe.**

We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us  
voice,

**we bring the songs  
which have echoed in our hearts all week long.**

We gather as the children of God,  
our joy unbroken in God's love.

**younger and older, tone deaf and perfect-pitched,  
lift the new, new songs of faith.**

**HYMN #33 Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you;  
search, and you will find;  
knock, and the door will be opened for you."

Loving God, as we ask now,  
would you fill us with your Spirit.  
As we search now, let us find you.  
As we knock, open the door to us.  
Let us know you, that we may praise you;  
and love you, that we may serve you.

**RESPONSE #175 Seek Ye First**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

Creator God, you spoke all that exists into being.  
You have made everything to fit together in a  
glorious web of life. We thank you that you see and  
know all. Not even a sparrow falls to the ground  
apart from your knowledge. You alone are sovereign  
over all history.

Yet we confess that we have little faith. We worry  
about the same things over and over again. We  
confess that we are often anxious, trying to figure  
out the future and plan for every possibility. We  
obsess over the latest bad news as if by obsessing  
we can control things. We get stressed over the  
uncertainties of life rather than praying about them.

So, we ask that you strengthen our faith to more  
firmly believe your promise that if we seek your  
kingdom first, you will take care of all our needs.  
Give rest to our minds by fixing them on your  
provision and perfect wisdom. Give peace to our  
hearts by anchoring them in Jesus, who has  
overcome the world by his glorious resurrection.  
Through Jesus, our living hope, we pray.

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE—**from Psalm 91:14-15

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me.  
I will protect those who trust in my name.  
When they call on me, I will answer;  
I will be with them in trouble.  
I will rescue them and honor them."

Brothers and sisters, be at peace.  
The Lord has heard your prayer,  
and has forgiven your sins,  
and freed you from all that  
may harm your heart and soul.  
Trust in God's goodness,  
and live in God's love.

**Thanks be to God!  
PASSING THE PEACE**

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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Psalm 145: 8-19  
Matthew 6:25-34, 10:29-31

**MESSAGE** Worry is Not Required

**HYMN #661** *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

**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 #815** *Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Holy, Holy, Holy  
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