



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**—from Psalm 104:1-5

*Praise God, O my soul!*

*We stand in awe at your greatness, O God.*

*You indeed are great,*

*robed in honor and majesty.*

*For covering, you choose light—*

*your clothes, sunset and moonrise.*

*For a tent, you stretch out the heavens;*

*for your roof, you pitch the sky.*

*You make your messengers like the winds;*

*the breeze whispers your words.*

*You placed the earth on its foundations—*

*it will never be shaken.*

*How great are your works, O God!*

*We stand in awe at all that you have done.*

**HYMN #625** *How Great Thou Art*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Creative and creating God:  
**all creation reminds us of the delicate Artist  
who has shaped us and all that is around us.  
We lift our songs of gratitude and awe to  
you.**

Servant-calling Jesus:  
**you humble our pride  
with your acts of mercy;  
you tip over our pretensions  
with your modest nature;  
you dissolve our spirit of judgment  
with your words of grace.**

Heart-keeping Spirit:  
**you bear our prayers to the throne of grace  
when they are only whispers in our souls;  
you unfold the road map  
to show us the way to the Kingdom;  
you transform our stuttering words  
into praise and wonder to our God.**

**RESPONSE #664** *Morning Has Broken*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**—from Hebrews 12:1-2

*“Therefore... let us throw off everything that  
hinders and the sin that so easily entangles,  
and let us run with perseverance the race  
marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
the author and perfecter of our faith, who for  
the joy set before him endured the cross,  
scorning its shame, and sat down at the right  
hand of the throne of God.”*

In the strength of this assurance, let us bring our confession to God:

***Lenten Prayer of Confession and Reflection***

**Eternal God, you neither slumber nor sleep in your watchful care for all creation. The knowledge of your protection gives us confidence and hope. We trust that, with your protection, nothing can harm us inwardly. You hold us in strong arms. We do not ask to be delivered from every hardship, but we ask to be awakened from our sleep, from our sheltered faith, from apathy. Give us the gift of watchfulness, that we might recognize Christ amidst each circumstance and see clearly what you would have us do. We pray through Christ who walks with us, and bids us watch and pray.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

—from Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**For he has rescued us  
from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom  
of the Son he loves,  
in whom we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of sins.  
Therefore, since we have redemption  
through faith,  
we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #187** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Isaiah 55:6-13, and  
Luke 13:1-9

**MESSAGE** Repentance and Renewal

**HYMN #475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**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 #80** *You Shall Go Out with Joy  
(sung through twice)*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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