



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls to the lost, the least,
and all who long for home;
God calls when we wander from the path set for us;
God calls and welcomes us back
to worship this day;
let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence;
let us worship God together!

HYMN #515 *I Come with Joy*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Living and faithful God,
the God in whom we live and move
and have our being,
the God who is made known in Christ Jesus:
bless us one and all as we wait on you this day.

Please remove from our minds and hearts
whatever impediments hinder worship
or dampen our joy.
Increase within us that holy longing for closeness
which can open our lives to fuller delight
and to a deeper commitment.

May our songs and prayers,
our searching thoughts,
and our hearing of the Word,
be an exercise in our growing in love.

By you, with you and for you,
may our lives publish your praise,
in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen!

RESPONSE #610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

CALL TO CONFESSION—from Hebrews 12:1-2

Jesus tells the world that his mission is
"to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10).
Let us come honestly before him,
that we may be found by him and in him.

Lenten Prayer of Confession and Reflection

Loving God, it was said of the prodigal
that "he came to himself."
Help us to wake up to ourselves, and to you.
Set us free from the illusion of trying to be perfect,
so that we may be more fully human.
Help us not to chase after an imaginary life,
but find satisfaction in our real lives.
And turn us away from our self-rejection,
so we might see that your arms
are open in welcome.

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The good news is that Christ calls us to new life
and enables us to begin again and again.
Through the lavish grace of God
we are forgiven, healed, and
freed to live a life of joy and service to others.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #771 *What Is the World Like*

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 and
Luke 15:11-32

MESSAGE That's Outrageous!
- Rev. Kevin Nollette

HYMN #774 *There is Now a New Creation*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 #649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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