



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning God created all things,
and God saw that they were good.

At our beginning, God created us
**unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted
by God,
known and treasured by God.**

In all our new beginnings, God creates something
new
**so we will seek God in the freshness of this
morning,
in the laughter of friends,
in the colors of creation,
and in this beautiful place.**

Creator God,
**open our eyes to see your presence,
our souls to sense your presence,
and our hearts to love your presence,
ever here in your creation,
and especially now in our worship.**

HYMN #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

—based on Psalm 148:13: *“All creation praises
God.”*

The world around us is full of beauty;

we praise your name O God.

For the gift of life on earth,

we praise your name O God.

Open our eyes to see your artistry,

your image in all that you have made.

Where our praise is short or silent

all creation sings out with joy.

Here we join creation’s song:

we praise your name O God

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**Creator God,
for the times we have hurt you
by willfully turning away from you
and spurning your love,
forgive us.**

**For the times we have hurt others
with our words and our actions,
or our inaction,
forgive us.**

**For the times we have hurt ourselves
by believing we are not worthy of love,
forgive us,
for we are made in your image
and you called us very good.**

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—based on 2Corinthians
5:17-18

Hear the good news
Those who are in Christ are a new creation!
That which isn't useful any more has passed
away;
behold, the new has come!
And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are
forgiven
and made new.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #37 *Let All Things Now Living*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 8
Genesis 1:1-5 and 24-31

MESSAGE And It Was Very Good

HYMN #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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 #547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

BENEDICTION

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