



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 118:1, 14

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord is our strength and our song;
God is our hope and our salvation!

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

HYMN #35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKSGIVING

RESPONSE #606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION
—based on 1Corinthians 12

Generous God, you have given each of us gifts,
**but sometimes we cannot recognize or affirm
what gift we have to share,
so we hide it under a bushel.**

You remind us that all gifts are needed,
**but sometimes we let ourselves be convinced
that some gifts are more special than others.**

You call us to work, to live, to love,
together, as integral parts of one body,

**but sometimes we decide that inclusion in the body
is limited by our understandings.**

Gracious God, for the times we have
ignored or mislabeled your gifts,
for those times we have cut another
off from the body,
we offer our confession,
and ask for your forgiveness.
our strong and faithful savior. Amen.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is the giver of many gifts.
God is the creator of the one body.
God is slow to anger and quick to forgive.
God helps us to share and honor the gifts of all,
God helps us to heal the wounds
and reunite the body.
We are forgiven, loved, and accepted.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1Cor. 12:4-7
Exodus 3:7-14 & 4:1-5

MESSAGE What God Wants to Know:
What is That in Your Hand?

HYMN #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Come, all you who are loved by God! Christ invites all
to trust in him and to dine at his table. Come to
receive all the benefits and blessings of his atoning
death, his life-giving resurrection, and his ascended
lordship.

**We come to the table not just as individuals but as a
community. By sharing the bread and the cup, Christ
makes us one with him and with each other.**

Just as we are nourished by the food we eat, Christ
nourishes us spiritually at this table with the bread of
heaven and the cup of salvation.

At the Lord's Supper we look *back*, remembering the story of our salvation; we look *around*, seeing that we are together members of the body of Christ; we look *forward* to the great banquet in God's coming kingdom; and we look *within* to find our indwelling Lord, who promises to feed us by the Holy Spirit.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! Let us give thanks: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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 #716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE