



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

As we begin the season of Lent,  
let us be led by the Spirit,

even if the path to the promised land  
leads through the desert,  
through hunger and doubt and temptation;  
even if we are led  
where we would rather not go.  
Yet we choose to be led by the Spirit  
and end our journey with new strength and faith,  
rejoicing in the Lord our God.

**HYMN #314 *Christ, Be Our Light***

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

God of all hope, we gather today deeply aware  
of the world's grief and pain—and our own.  
Comfort us, we pray, with the sure knowledge  
that our Lenten journey culminates in Easter joy.  
We thank you for the life of Christ, our Savior,  
through whom we live. Amen.

**RESPONSE #630 *Fairest Lord Jesus***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

Everlasting God, fountain of all life and the true  
home of every heart: our hearts are restless until  
they rest in you. We confess that our hearts have  
been led astray by selfish wants and unnecessary  
fears. We have sought after many things and have  
neglected the one thing needful. We have not loved  
you with our whole hearts. Help us to turn to you  
and find mercy. Lead us home, that we may again  
find in you our life and joy and peace.

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Jesus, our Shepherd, guides us in paths of  
righteousness,  
and provides for all our needs: rest, peace,  
forgiveness,  
and renewed strength for our journey.  
People of God, fear not! Your compassionate  
Shepherd  
leads in love, and feeds us the nourishment we truly  
need.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need***

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**    Isaiah 55:1-3  
   Mark 6:30-44

**MESSAGE**    Feeding the Hungry

**HYMN #757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples***

**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 #296 *Go in Grace and Make Disciples***

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**