



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—

**who forgives all our iniquity,
who heals all our diseases,
who redeems our life from the Pit,
who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies us with good as long as we live
so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

HYMN #645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Holy God,
you are the God above and beyond all things!
With trust, hope and humility
in our hearts and minds,
we gather to praise and worship you,
the God who always hears
and answers our prayers.
Your promises are trustworthy,
and so with thankful hearts and minds,
we praise our God
who understands and guides us faithfully.

RESPONSE #612 *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator*

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

God of steadfast love and mercy,
through your Word,
you have set promises before your people:
promises for good and not for evil,
promises for care and not for harm,
promises fulfilled through life and death,
promises realized through sorrow and joy.
You have guided us on right paths.
Life-giving is your Word
and life-altering your love.

Still, we have strayed all too often
and trusted too little.
Our words have been cold,
and our hearts closed off.
Remind us of that love which knows no bounds.
Guide us in your desire
for justice and forgiveness.
And teach us to love, as you are loving.

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Psalm 103:8-12

*The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
The Lord does not deal with us
according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love toward us;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.*

Friends,
through Christ we are forgiven, healed, and loved.
Be at peace,
and love your neighbor as you have been loved.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 4:38-41 and
Luke 5:12-16

MESSAGE Healing and Hospitality

HYMN #796 *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

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 #753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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