



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**—from Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake  
in the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

The nations are in an uproar, kingdoms totter;  
God speaks and the earth relents.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

**God is exalted among the nations;  
God is exalted in the earth.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**HYMN #275** *A Mighty Fortress*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Gracious God,  
in love you open wide the doors  
and welcome us into your presence.  
You spread a table before us,  
filled with the richest fare—  
a feast of love and mercy  
for body and soul.

We come with joy to meet you here,  
to eat and drink at your table,  
to taste and see your goodness,  
to celebrate your grace  
and mercy in our lives.

May your Spirit inspire our  
praise and thanksgiving,  
our prayers and petitions,  
as we worship together.

**RESPONSE #515** *I Come with Joy*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

—from Hebrews 4:14-16, 7:25

Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

**We have a faithful Savior, Jesus the Christ,  
who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses.**

He has been tempted in every way, just as we are,  
yet was without sin.

**Therefore, he is able to bring fulness of life  
to those who draw near to God through him,  
because he always lives to intercede for them.**

Let us then approach the throne of grace  
with confidence,  
so that we may receive mercy  
and find grace to help us in our time of need.

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

There is no wrong that God cannot make right.  
There is no chasm that can separate us from God's  
love.

The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good.  
God will not forsake you or leave you.

Turn to the Lord with confidence  
and put your trust in God's great mercy.  
By the power of the Spirit of the risen Christ  
we are made whole.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #735** *I Need Thee Every Hour*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**    Hebrews 4:14-16  
                                 Matthew 4:1-11

**MESSAGE**    Teach Us to Pray:  
                         Testing, Temptation, and Deliverance

**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 #543**    *O Christ Surround Me*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**