



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 95:1-2

*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord—
let us sing aloud
to the Rock of our salvation!
Let us come before the Lord
with thanksgiving
and extol God with music and song.*

HYMN #611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

**The Word you spoke,
and keep speaking, O God
is the life, the sustenance
of all that is – seen and unseen.**

**The Life you gave,
and keep giving, O Christ
is the recreation, the renewed birth
of every weary and wounded creature.**

**The breath you breathed,
and keep breathing, O Spirit
is the inspiration for creativity,
compassion and community
that connects and unites all
that God has made.**

**Life-giving, life-restoring,
life-fulfilling God,
with gratitude and joy we sing to you;
speak to us now in this time of worship
as we seek your guidance and strength.
Amen.**

RESPONSE #308 *O God in Whom All Life
Begins*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

—inspired by Matthew 11:28-38

**In times of weakness and hour of need,
because of our failings
or because of our fears,
yours is the strength
by which we carry on,
the shoulder we rest our head upon.
When our load is heavy
and too much to bear,
because of our burdens
or because of our brokenness,
yours are the arms
stretched out to help us,
the grace that we depend on.
In times of weakness and hour of need,
your voice is heard,
'Come... find rest.'
This is grace divine,
the path we tread to wholeness
of body and spirit,
the path that leads to you,
and for which we offer
our offering of praise.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Psalm 27:13-14

*I am still confident of this:
we will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.*

Friends, know the goodness of God
who forgives, restores, and reconciles.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.
Be at peace, love the Lord your God,
and serve your neighbor.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #774 *There is Now a New Creation*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 37:1-11
Luke 1:46-55
Matthew 5:5

MESSAGE Learning to See as God Sees:
Blessed Are the Meek

HYMN #100 *Canticle of the Turning*

**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.*

SENDING SONG #543 *O Christ, Surround Me*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

