



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather this day  
from a week filled with needs and demands  
and the bombardment of our senses by an  
anxious world.

**We come to find rest, and renewal for our  
spirits.**

Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of  
God.

**We want to quiet our hearts and minds  
and rest in God's presence,  
free from the clamor of the world.**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

**HYMN      *O Day of Rest and Gladness (#393)***

O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness,  
most beautiful, most bright,  
on you, the high and lowly,  
through ages joined in tune,  
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation  
the light first had its birth;  
on you, for our salvation  
Chris rose from depths of earth;  
on you, our Lord victorious  
sent Spirit forth from heaven.  
And thus on you, most glorious,  
a triple light was given.

On you, God's people, meeting,  
the Holy Scripture hear,  
Christ's living presence greeting,  
through bread and wine made near.  
New graces ever gaining  
from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining  
to spirits of the blest.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, we confess that we are restless  
creatures, trying to fill our lives with meaning  
or with distractions, apart from you. We have  
taken on burdens that aren't ours to bear, and  
worn ourselves out trying to fix problems that  
aren't ours to fix. Satisfy us with your love,  
and help us to bear our burdens wisely so we  
may truly serve others, from a place of peace  
and rest.**

(moment for silent prayers and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE - from Isaiah 30:15, 18**

*"In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
in quietness and trust shall be your strength.  
The Lord longs to be gracious to you;  
therefore he will rise up and show you mercy.  
Blessed are all who wait for him."*

By the love of God, mercy has been given to  
us—  
the forgiveness of sins, and peace with God  
through the reconciling work of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

