



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the name of God,  
**who created us,  
who holds us and the whole world in his hands;**  
In the name of the Son  
**who came into the world as a human being,  
who reconciles us with God;**  
In the name of the Holy Spirit  
**who fills us with eternal life,  
who links us with all of God's people  
and incites us to peace:  
we come together  
to offer our thanks and praise.**

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

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**God of love:  
you open the gateways of our hearts  
morning and evening,  
that we might sing our praise to you  
with all creation.  
Come refresh, renew, restore us.  
Send your Spirit  
that your peace might calm troubled hearts,  
that your joy might strengthen us in hope,  
that your love poured out might spur us to  
service.  
Move among us now, as we offer our praise.**

**RESPONSE #288 Spirit of the Living God**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

**Loving God, we pray for the power to be gentle,  
the strength to be forgiving,  
the patience to be understanding,  
and the endurance to accept the consequences  
of holding to what we believe to be right.  
May we put our trust in the power of good  
to overcome evil  
and the power of love to overcome hatred.**

**We pray for the vision to see  
and the faith to believe  
in a world emancipated from violence.**

**Where we have caused harm  
or have refused to walk  
the hard path of reconciliation,  
forgive us, and set our feet on the path of peace.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**—from Ephesians 2:14-18

Jesus himself is our peace; in his body he has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, that he might reconcile people to God and to one another. He proclaimed peace, that all may have access to God through the Spirit.

Beloved of God, through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you are reconciled to God and to your neighbors. Walk in that peace, and be a peacemaker as you follow Christ, the Prince of Peace.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #123 It Came upon the Midnight Clear**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Psalm 122  
Romans 12:14-21

**MESSAGE** Learning to See as God Sees:  
Blessed are the Peacemakers

**HYMN #756 O God of Every Nation**

**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