



PRELUDE Panis Angelicus, by Cesar Franck
- Cathy Draper, flute
- Ian Alvarez, accompanist

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—based on Psalm 147

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.
How good it is to celebrate God's presence
and sing praise throughout each day!

**How good it is to sing praise
and give honor to our God!**

Our God rebuilds the people of earth.
The wandering ones are gathered together,
the brokenhearted are healed,
the hungry are fed,
the prisoners are freed,
the lonely are befriended.

**How good it is to sing praise
and give honor to our God!**

All of nature sings aloud God's goodness—
clouds, rain, grass, creatures great and small.
Our God creates and sustains our world
with his ever-reaching, never-ending love.

**How good it is to sing praise
and give honor to our God!**

HYMN #32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

**Holy, creating, creative God,
we sing from the abundance of our joy;
and we sing from the depths of our sorrow.
We sing in voices separate and unique;
and we sing with one voice as your body.**

**We sing with gratitude for the ways you
have abundantly provided for us;
and we sing as prayer to you
to supply our needs where we are lacking.
In all things we sing as an act of hope,
for you are good, and faithful,
through Jesus Christ, who is our hope. Amen.**

RESPONSE #353 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

When in our excesses we consume more than
our share while others go
with basic needs unmet,

Forgive us, merciful God.

When we are blinded by our affluence
and fail to reach out in care and concern,

Forgive us, merciful God.

When we are overwhelmed by desires to acquire
and consume more than we need,

Forgive us, merciful God.

When possessions cloud our view of you
and your gracious love:

Forgive us, merciful God.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God,
lift up your spirits with thanksgiving to God
whose nature is always to have mercy.
All who have sought forgiveness
shall never need to revisit old shame again.
The untarnished future is God's
and it is now offered to you with open hands.
You are forgiven, and in Christ
all things have become new!

**We give thanks to God, who is so good,
whose love goes on forever!**

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN (insert) *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 8:11-18
Luke 12:13-21

MESSAGE Parables of Jesus: Greed and Gratitude

HYMN #714 *God of the Fertile Fields*

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 #697 *Take My Life and Let it Be
Consecrated*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

