



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

—based on Philipians 4 and Romans 8

Good news!

The Holy One, God the Creator,  
claims us as God’s very own!

**Rejoice in the Lord!**

Good news!

We are called “Beloved”!

**Rejoice in the Lord, always!**

Good news!

God is in our midst, ready to renew us with the Spirit!

**Rejoice in the Lord, always! Again we say, rejoice!**

Good news!

Nothing can separate us from God’s love in Christ  
Jesus!

**We lift up our hearts in thanksgiving and praise!**

**HYMN #667** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**—Psalm 36:5-9

*Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

*Your faithfulness is like the mighty mountains;  
your wisdom like the great deep;*

*you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.*

*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!*

*All people may take refuge in the shadow of your  
wings.*

*They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your  
delights.*

*For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.*

**RESPONSE #501** *Feed Us, Lord*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

We want to begin this new year  
on life-giving paths,  
paths of light and love,  
so please guide our feet, loving God.  
Send us good and helpful thoughts,  
and inspiration for our day-to-day living.  
Where we have been selfish or dishonest,  
we ask for your grace to make amends  
and live truthfully and generously.  
When we face indecision or confusion,  
grant your wisdom.  
And in all things, may we know and share  
your love.

(silent prayer and reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

At all times, and in every circumstance,  
the good news speaks to us of God’s tender mercy  
and love for us.

**God comes!**

**Not to punish, but to gift us with peace,  
not to judge, but to grace us with lovingkindness  
and send us into the world as reconcilers  
and peacemakers.  
Thanks be to God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #839** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**    Isaiah 52:7-10  
   Mark 1:1-11, 14-15

**MESSAGE**    Good News!

**HYMN #515** *I Come with Joy*

**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 #774** *There Is Now a New Creation*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring  
good news, who proclaim peace,  
who bring good tidings, who  
proclaim salvation, who say to  
Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Isaiah 52:7

