



PRELUDE *Take My Life and Let It Be*
- Ian Alvarez, brass solo

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP
—from Psalm 100, the Message translation

*On your feet now - applaud God!
Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his
presence.
Know this: God is God. God made us;
we didn't make him.
We're his people, his well-tended sheep.
Enter with the password: "Thank you!"
Make yourselves at home, speaking praise.
Thank the Lord. Worship the Lord.
For God is sheer beauty,
all-generous in love,
loyal always and ever.*

Let us worship God with joy!

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

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Here we are Lord...
We come from the busyness of our daily lives,
from the hubbub of our work and play,
from the hue and cry of the world around us.
We come to praise you
and receive what you desire to give us.
In this time, we long to meet you,
to feel your presence surrounding us,
enveloping us, loving us.
We long to settle into silence,
laying aside our worries and our cares,
aware of your presence
before us, around us, within us.
Come, Lord Jesus!

RESPONSE #501 *Feed Us, Lord*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

O God, you who are always doing a new thing—
we confess that we sometimes close windows
against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the sounds of other people's concerns,
against the winds of change.

God of every place and time,
we confess that we often draw the curtains
against people who are different,
against world events or community concerns.

Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes,
our shuttered churches,
the security systems on our hearts.
Open up our lives,
and let your Spirit blow through.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Just as wind clears the air, the Holy Spirit
blows through lives to clear hearts and minds,
providing deep inner renewal and cleansing.

The Spirit's movement is a tangible sign of
God's forgiving love, a fresh wind of renewal
that breaks the weight of old burdens and failures.

Receive the forgiving and renewing love of God;
be at peace; love and serve your neighbor.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #250 *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 1:1-11, 2:12-13

MESSAGE God's Work in Progress

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 #767 *Together We Serve*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*
- Ian Alvarez, marimba solo