



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

**who gives justice to the oppressed;
and food to those who hunger.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

**The Lord loves the righteous
and cares for the stranger;
The Lord sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
The Lord will reign forever,
throughout all generations.**

Hallelujah!

HYMN #401 *Here in this Place*

PRAYER OF PRAISE (Christine Longhurst, *re:Worship*)

**Lord, the eyes of all look to you in hope; and you
give them what they need. You open your hand and
satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.
We, too, turn to you again, longing to be filled — to
eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from your life-giving
streams, to taste your goodness and live.**

**May the time we spend together in your presence
nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our
relationship with you, and renew our commitment
to live in this world as your faithful disciples. For
you alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

RESPONSE #544: *Bless the Lord*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & REFLECTION

**Gracious Lord,
in the name of him who gave bread to the hungry,
We remember all who, through our human
ignorance, mistakes and sin,
are condemned to live in want.
Show us, who have so much,
what we can do for those who have so little.
And bless the efforts of those
who work to overcome poverty and hunger,
that sufficient food may be found for all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.**

(silent reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (from Col. 3:12-14)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to
condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ
rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays
for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The
old life has gone; the new life has begun. Know that
you are forgiven and be at peace. **Thanks be to God!**

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #175 *Seek Ye First*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 23:1-3, 9-12
Luke 9:10-17

MESSAGE Care for Those in Need: Not Optional!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please respond where indicated with,

***“Lord, in your mercy, open your hand,
so that they may be filled.”***

***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*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE