



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here
to worship a remarkable God.

**The love of God welcomes us,
the grace of Christ awaits us,
the joy of the Spirit enfolds us.**

Don't come as the duty-bound,
come as the truly free.
Don't come as petitioners,
come as those who are already heard.
Don't come as interlopers, come as invited guests.
Don't come as the outsiders,
come as much-wanted children.

**The love of God emboldens us.
The grace of Christ redeems us.
The joy of the Spirit uplifts us.**

Come as the joyful, come as the eager,
come as the thankful,
come as the recipients of amazing grace.

**The love of God overflows our hearts.
The grace of Christ liberates our spirits,
The joy of the Spirit sings in our minds.**

HYMN #1 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Triune God,
we desire to know you better, and more fully.
We ask you to reveal more of yourself to us,
to take us beyond the confines of familiar habits,
to free us from the restrictions
and distortions of our language,
to expand our understanding of you
so that we can love you whole heartedly,
communicate who you are faithfully,
and so we can reflect your image
to a world that needs you.
Amen.

RESPONSE #710 *We Are an Offering*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Loving God, we confess that despite our best efforts
and intentions, we have failed to consistently live in
ways that bring honor to your name, and bring
blessing to our neighbors. Through the grace of
Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, free us
from attitudes and actions that do not lead to life—
for others, and for ourselves. Strengthen us in love
and help us to delight in doing your will.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

—based on Romans 5:8 and Colossians 1:13-14

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while
we were sinners Christ died for us.

**For he has rescued us from the dominion of
darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the son
he loves, in whom we have redemption, the
forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been
reconciled through faith, we have peace with God
through the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #37 *Let All Things Now Living*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 17:22-31
Colossians 1:15-20

MESSAGE The Cosmic Christ

HYMN #12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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 #702 *Christ Be Beside Me*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” John 20:21

