

#### **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

CALL TO WORSHIP—based on Psalm 124

Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

Praise be to God, the Giver of life!

Our help is in God's name,

the One who calls us together here.

We come with songs of praise, and with the prayers of our hearts.

Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

We join with all creation in praising our God,
who made all things, and called them good.

**HYMN #664** Morning Has Broken

## **PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Loving God,

we come into your presence this morning from different places and different journeys—

some with songs of joy

and hearts overflowing with gratitude;

some carrying burdens

and struggling through pain.

As you welcome us into your presence, receive our offerings of joy and gratitude;

lift our burdens, and soothe our pain.

Bind us together,

that we may be at peace with one another and be strengthened to go forth

in service to the world.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE #32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

**SPECIAL MUSIC** The Prayer

- by Carole Bayer-Sayer and David

Foster

- Sung by Emily and Matt Lauckhart

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without.

We long for harmony in our homes and in society, for serenity in the midst of struggle.

We long for the day when each household and each neighborhood will be a dwelling place for your love.

Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust you, or others, and we harbor fear and suspicion.

We are hesitant to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires.

Look upon us with kindness and grace.

Rule in our hearts, our homes, and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of Christ our Savior.

(silent prayer and reflection)

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's merciful love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.

Thanks be to God!

#### **PASSING THE PEACE**

HYMN #703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** 

Matthew 7:7-11 Mark 10:46-52

MESSAGE What Do You Want Jesus to Do for You?

HYMN (insert) Sweet Hour of Prayer

# 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 #450 Be Thou My Vision

**BENEDICTION** 

**POSTLUDE**